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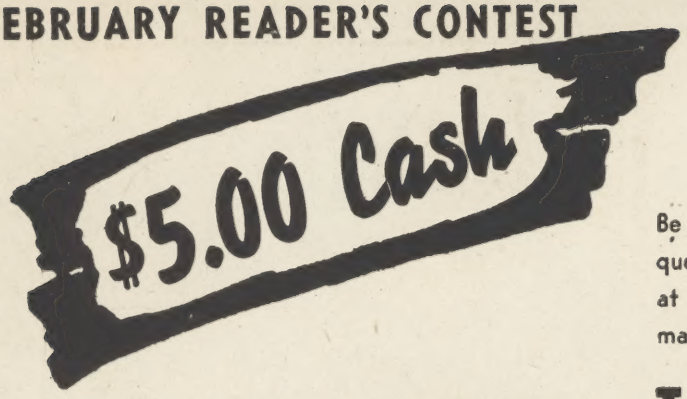

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The contest closes February 15, 1948. Be sure that your paper is in the mail by that date! Caution: work on scratch paper first — and don't try to answer the questions until you've read carefully all the stories in this month's TOPIX.

TRUE - FALSE

Draw a circle around T if the statement is **True** or around F if the statement is **False.**

T F 1. Bob Fitzgerald lives in Minneapolis.
T F 2. Abraham's wife's name was Sarah.
T F 3. Wopsy is a guardian angel for a boy named John.
T F 4. Two of the chicks were late to school because a dog chased them.
T F 5. The friendly fish built a wall for Gudwall to keep the water out.

NAME THE CHARACTERS! Here are the Clues — follow them to find the right names for the characters from this month's TOPIX stories!

When you are sure you know the right name, copy it into the space marked **Answer.**

Clue: 6. This woman turned into a pillar of salt.

Answer:_____

Clue: 7. A priest who helped men in jail.

Answer:_____

Clue: 8. This monk lived in a cave near the sea.

Answer:_____

Clue: 9. He is called the 'Father of Printing.'

Answer:_____

Clue: 10. This hermit smashed pagan idols.

Answer:_____

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Write a **short** paragraph finishing the following sentence:

11. I think the best story in TOPIX this month is_____ because_____

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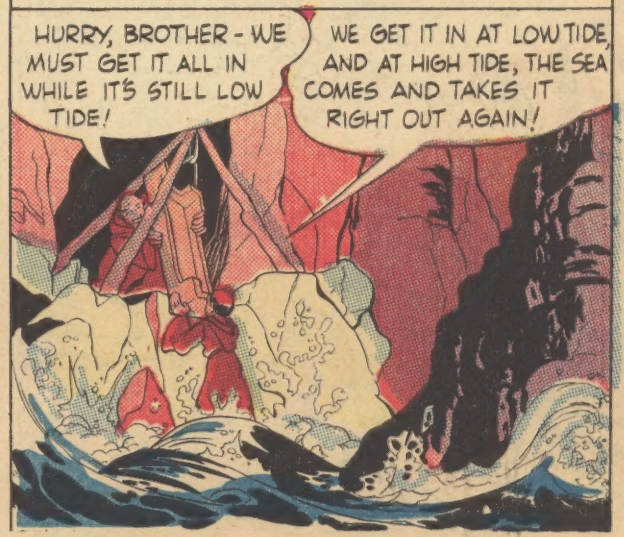
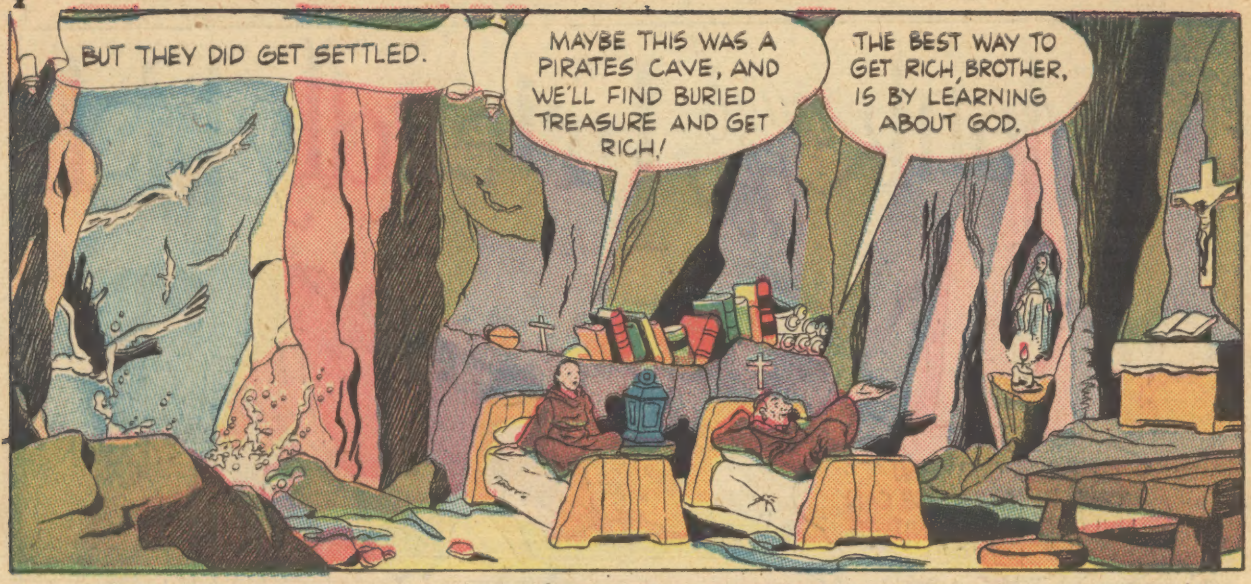
The Monk and the Friendly Fish

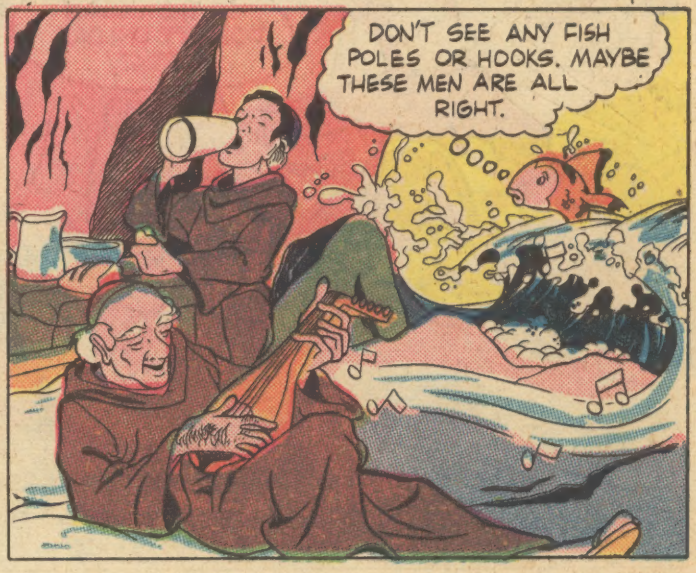
WAY, WAY BACK IN THE MIDDLE AGES, A MONK NAMED GUDWALL AND HIS PUPIL CAME TO A SMALL ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF WALES. THEY PLANNED TO LIVE THERE IN A CAVE.

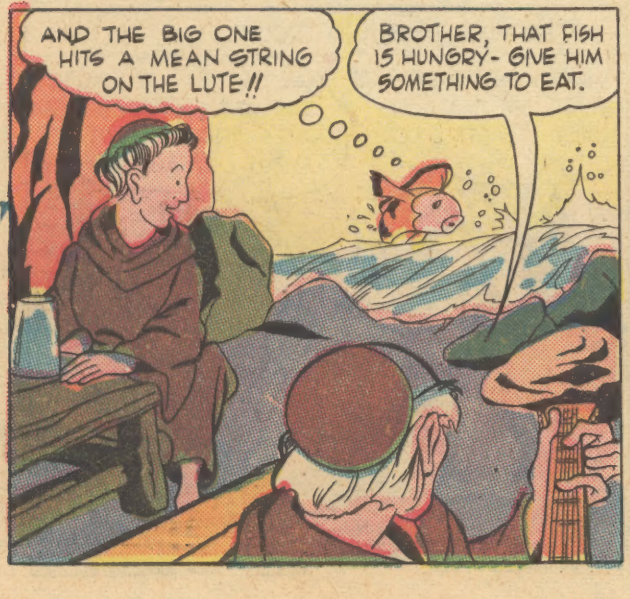
AFTER MUCH TIME AND TROUBLE ...



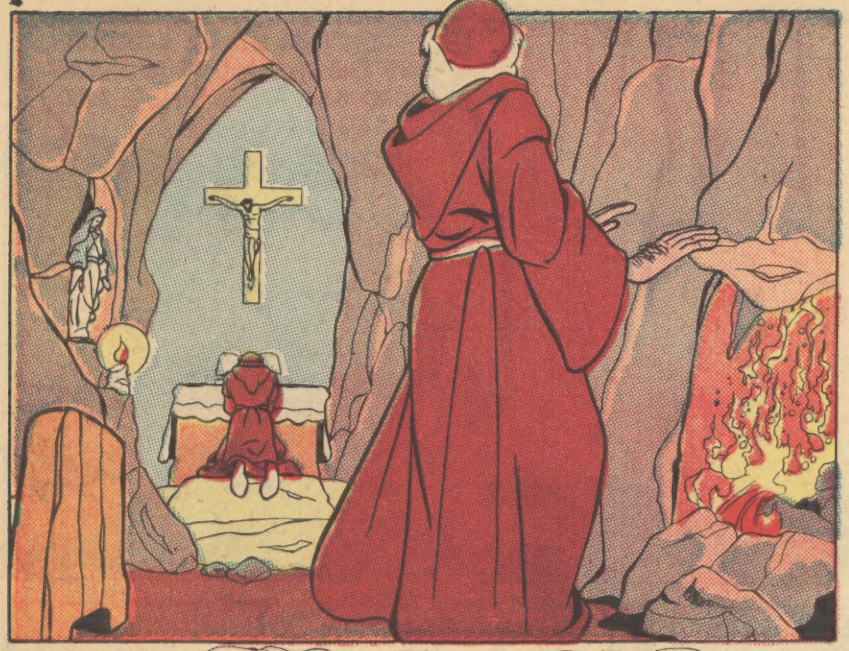


GUDWALL PLAYED THE LUTE. HE PLAYED SO BEAUTIFULLY THAT EVEN THE FISH AND THE SEA-GULLS CAME TO LISTEN.





DON'T BE STINGY, BROTHER. GIVE THE FISH ALL WE HAVE. OUR LORD WILL PROVIDE MORE FOOD WHEN THIS IS GONE.
THERE ISN'T A THING IN THE CAVE FOR US TO EAT NOW!
GOD WILL FEED US, BROTHER-YOU WILL SEE.
I BELIEVE GOD HELPS US, BUT-!!
NEXT MORNING, AFTER A SUPPERLESS NIGHT...
AND WORST OF ALL, THERE'S NOT A PLACE ON THE ISLAND WHERE WE CAN GET MORE FOOD!
GOD WHO MADE THAT SEA AND THE SUN THAT SHINES ON IT IS RICH ENOUGH TO GIVE US BREAKFAST. LOOK! MAYBE THIS IS IT!
WHY THIS IS BETTER THAN WE HAD BEFORE! HAM, BISCUITS AND WINE.
YOU SEE, GOD DOES LOOK OUT FOR US.
WINE
BISCUITS



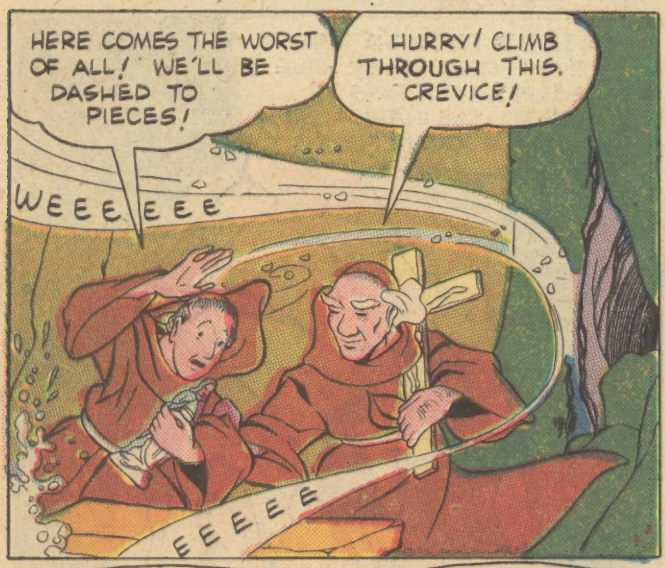
All SUMMER LONG THE MONK AND HIS PUPIL FED THE FISH ----YET THEY NEVER RAN SHORT OF FOOD THEMSELVES----

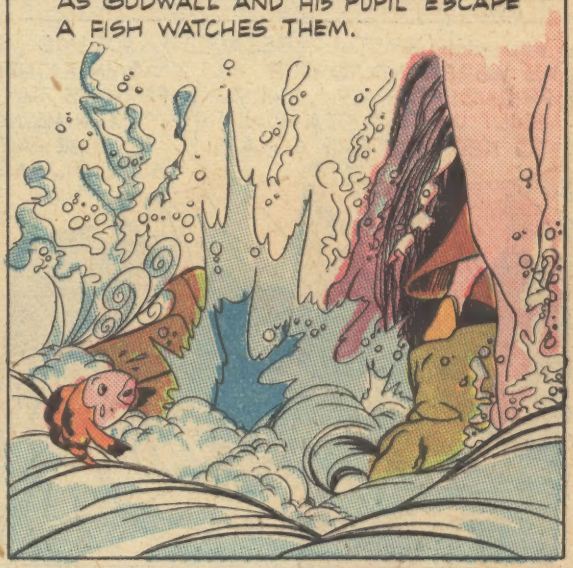
BUT SOON SUMMER WAS OVER AND THE ICY COLD WINTER CAME..

FATHER, THE SEA SEEMED OUR FRIEND IN THE SUMMER - NOW IT WANTS TO SMASH US ON THE ROCKS!!

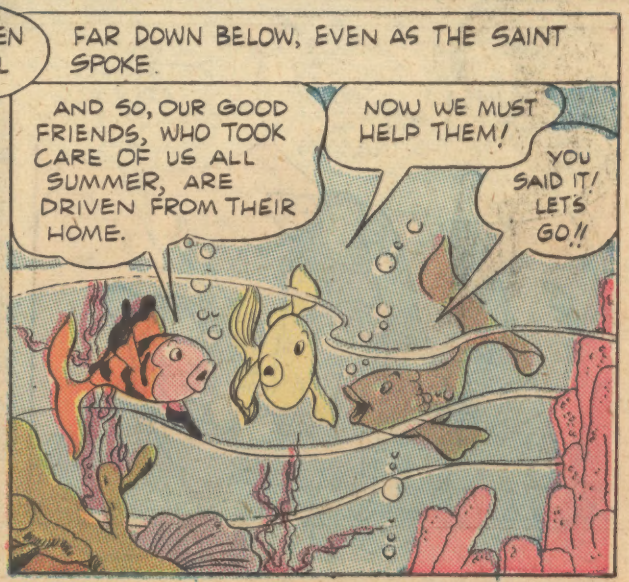
FRIENDS CHANGE, BROTHER, BUT GOD NEVER CHANGES. HE WILL SAVE US.

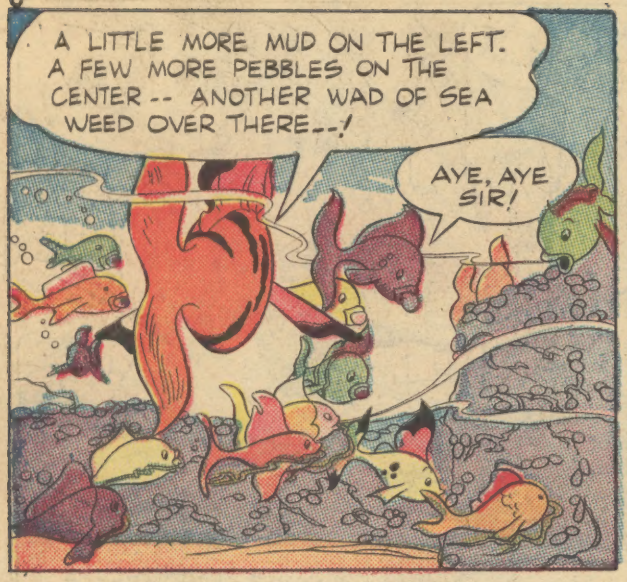
FWEEEEEEEEE
THE SEA IS TAKING EVERYTHING FROM US!!
FWEEEEEEE

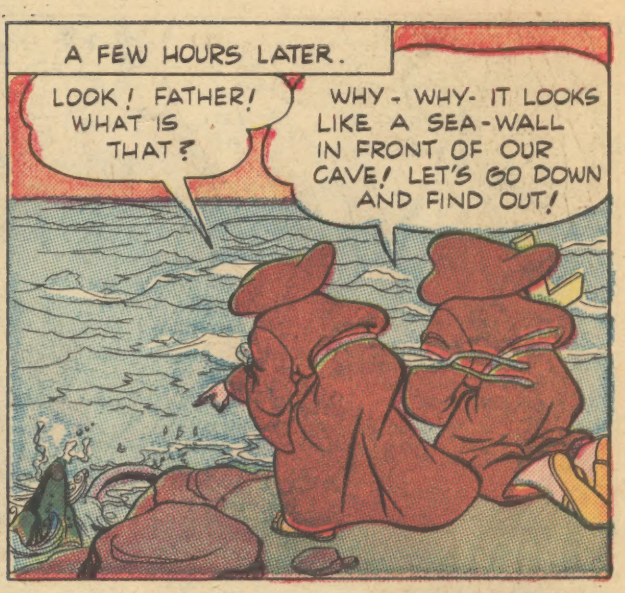

HERE COMES THE WORST OF ALL! WE'LL BE DASHED TO PIECES!
HURRY! CLIMB THROUGH THIS CREVICE!
WEEEEEEE
EEEEEE

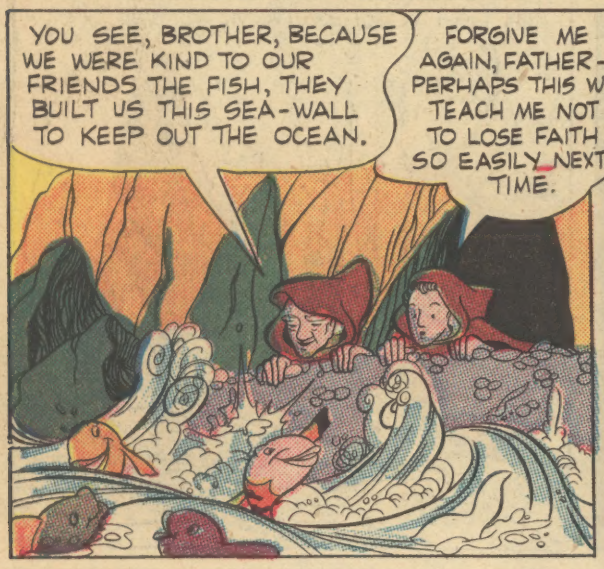

AS GUDWALL AND HIS PUPIL ESCAPE A FISH WATCHES THEM.

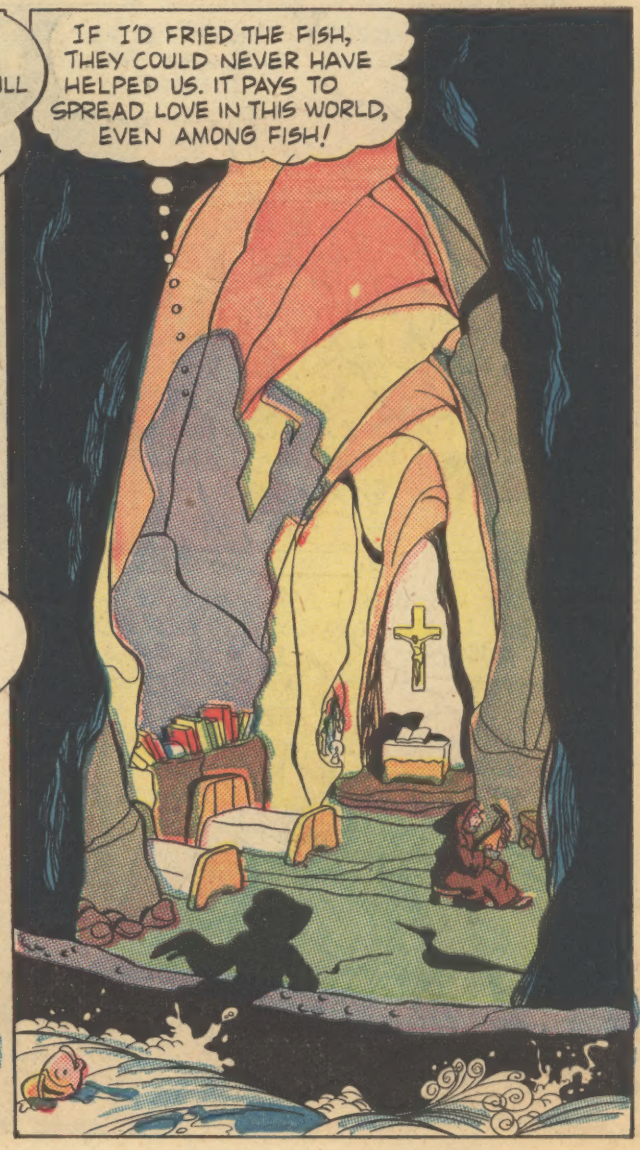
I BELIEVE IN GOD'S HELP. BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!
I AM SURE THAT, EVEN NOW, GOD WILL SAVE US.


FAR DOWN BELOW, EVEN AS THE SAINT SPOKE.
AND SO, OUR GOOD FRIENDS, WHO TOOK CARE OF US ALL SUMMER, ARE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOME.
NOW WE MUST HELP THEM!
YOU SAID IT! LETS GO!!


A LITTLE MORE MUD ON THE LEFT. A FEW MORE PEBBLES ON THE CENTER -- ANOTHER WAD OF SEA WEED OVER THERE--!
AYE, AYE SIR!

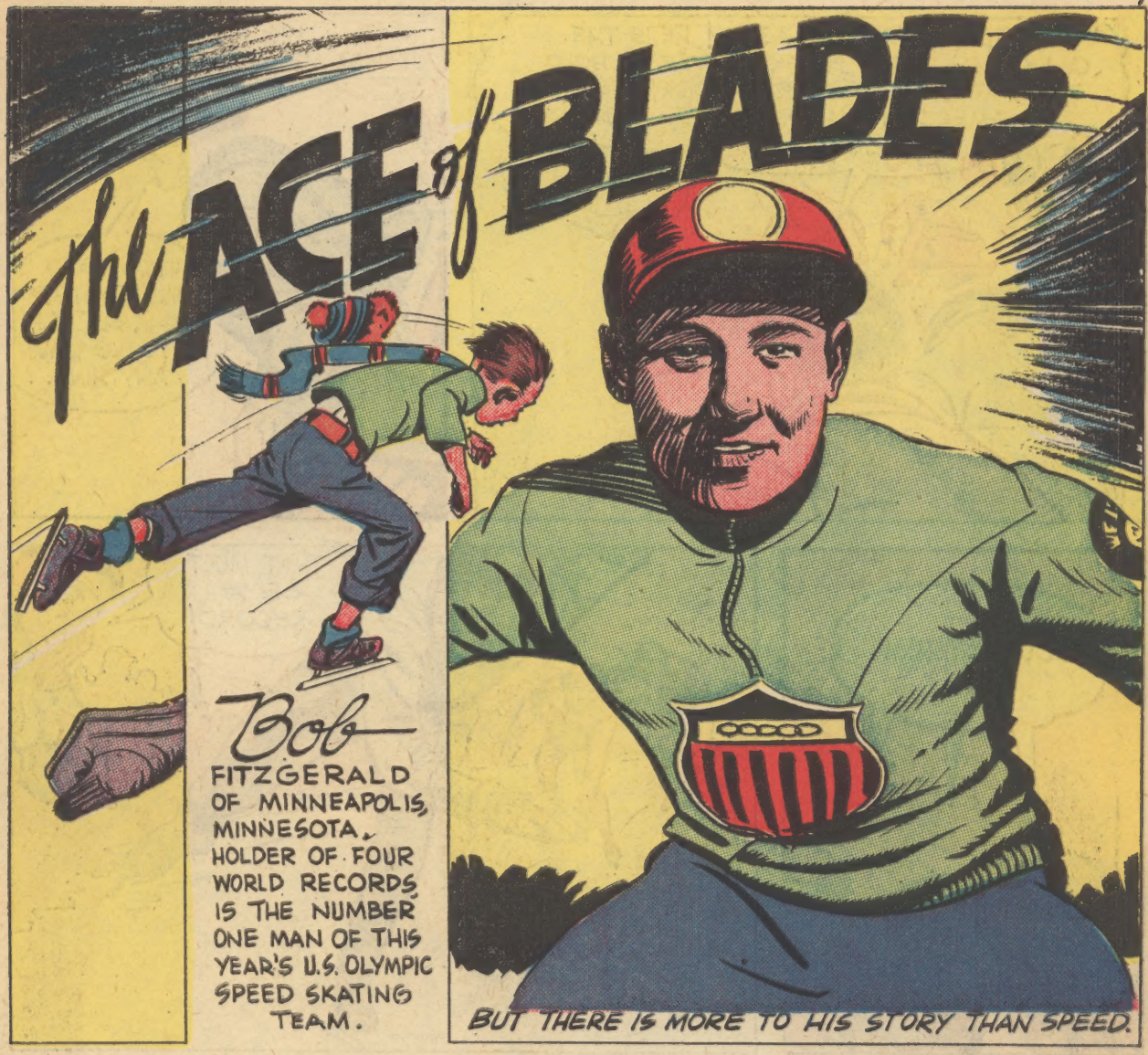

A FEW HOURS LATER.
LOOK! FATHER! WHAT IS THAT?
WHY - WHY- IT LOOKS LIKE A SEA-WALL IN FRONT OF OUR CAVE! LET'S GO DOWN AND FIND OUT!


YOU SEE, BROTHER, BECAUSE WE WERE KIND TO OUR FRIENDS THE FISH, THEY BUILT US THIS SEA-WALL TO KEEP OUT THE OCEAN.
FORGIVE ME AGAIN, FATHER - PERHAPS THIS WILL TEACH ME NOT TO LOSE FAITH SO EASILY NEXT TIME.


IF I'D FRIED THE FISH, THEY COULD NEVER HAVE HELPED US. IT PAYS TO SPREAD LOVE IN THIS WORLD, EVEN AMONG FISH!

THANK YOU FRIENDS, FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. DINNER WILL SOON BE SERVED, AND YOU SHALL BE THE GUESTS OF HONOR.
I HAVE RETRIEVED NEARLY ALL OUR FURNITURE.

the ACE of BLADES



Bob FITZGERALD OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, HOLDER OF FOUR WORLD RECORDS, IS THE NUMBER ONE MAN OF THIS YEAR'S U.S. OLYMPIC SPEED SKATING TEAM.

BUT THERE IS MORE TO HIS STORY THAN SPEED.

WHEN HE WAS 17 YEARS OLD, AND RACING IN THE INTERMEDIATE CLASS....

BOB, DO YOU REALIZE THAT IF YOU WIN THIS MEET, YOU WILL BE THE ONLY MAN EVER TO HOLD ALL THREE NATIONAL TITLES?

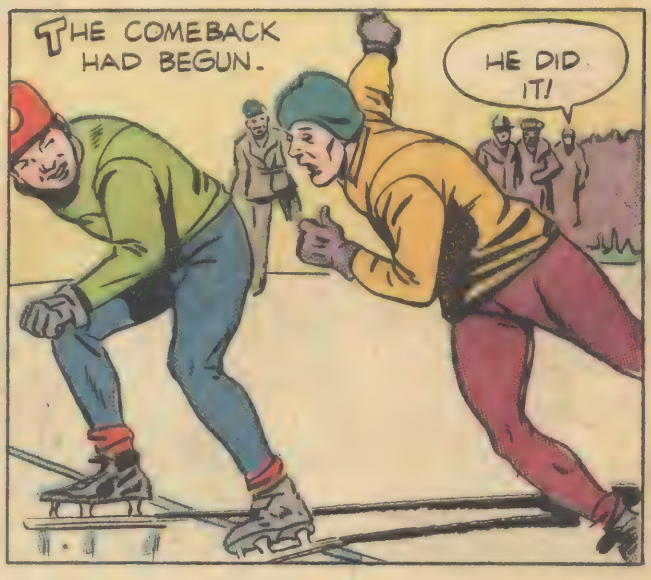
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS COME IN THIRD, AND YOU'LL WIN THIS MEET.

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THAT, ALL RIGHT.

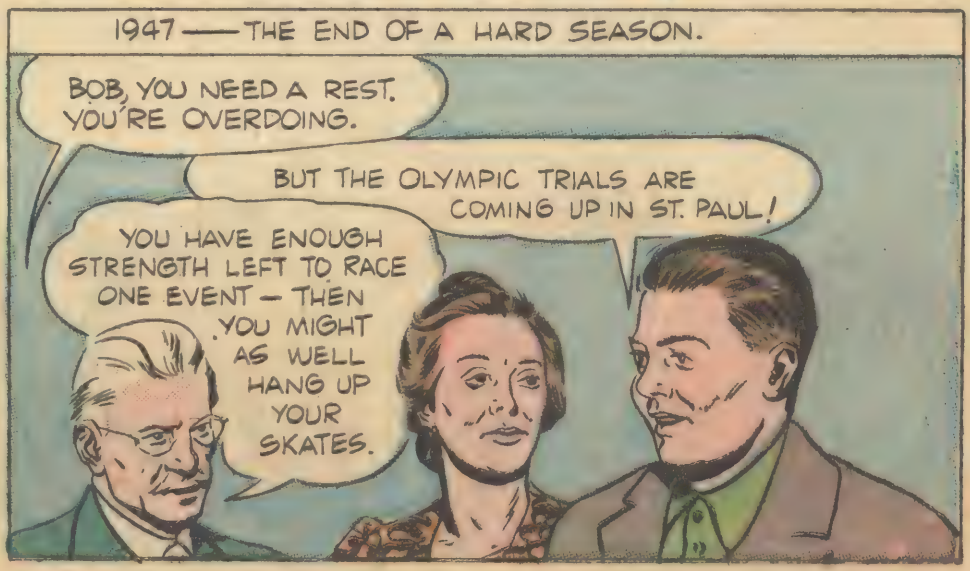
AND FITZGERALD WINS AGAIN! HE IS THE ONLY MAN IN ANY DIVISION EVER TO HOLD THE NATIONAL OUTDOOR, INDOOR, AND NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. A GRAND SLAM!!
1943 — HIS FIRST YEAR OF SENIOR MEN'S COMPETITION.
FITZGERALD WILL TRY HARD TODAY, BUT HE IS TOO YOUNG TO WIN ANYTHING.
LOOK AT HIM GO!
THAT MUST BE A RECORD!
IT WAS A WORLD'S RECORD!! AND IT WAS FITZGERALD'S LAST MEET BEFORE ENTERING THE SERVICE. HE HURRIED FROM THE MEET TO THE TRAIN THAT TOOK HIM TO THE AIR CORPS BASIC TRAINING SCHOOL.
AT PREFLIGHT SCHOOL IN SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA....
LET'S PLAY TOUCHBALL AFTER CLASS THIS AFTERNOON.

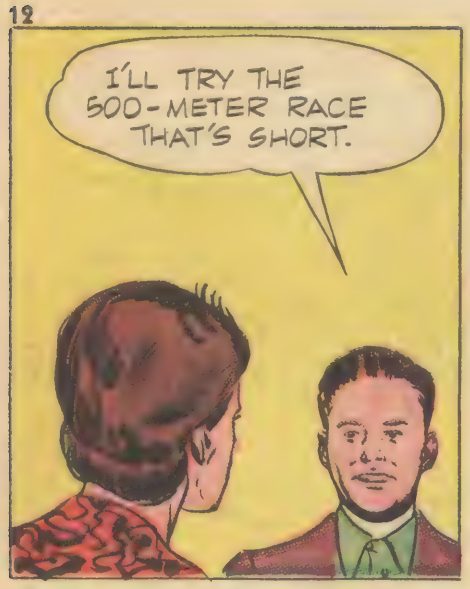
FITZGERALD HAS THE BALL...
FUMBLE!
BOB'S KNOCKED OUT!
MONTH'S LATER....
YOUR INJURIES ARE A LOT WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT AT FIRST I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO WASH YOU OUT.
HOW ABOUT SKATING, DOC?
I DON'T THINK YOU WILL EVER SKATE AGAIN.
BACK HOME IN MINNEAPOLIS.
I WON'T GIVE UP. THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN GET BACK TO NORMAL

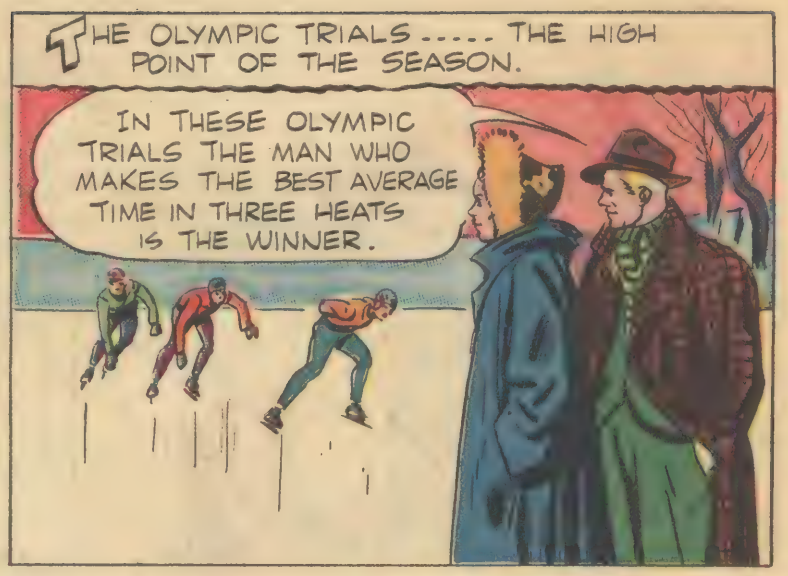
BOB, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO IT WITH COURAGE AND HARD WORK.
DOCTOR J.C. McDONNELL
IT TOOK MONTHS OF CAREFUL EXCERCISES BEFORE FITZGERALD COULD MAKE HIS MUSCLES OBEY. BUT EVENTUALLY THE DAY CAME WHEN HE WAS ABLE TO SKATE AGAIN.
I CAN DO IT! BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO RACE TODAY.
HE'S STILL THINKING OF RACING! I DON'T THINK HE EVER WILL.
MONTHS OF PRACTISE AND THEN—
GET A LOAD OF THIS! BOB FITZGERALD HAS ENTERED THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL MEET!
WHAT? HE'S PRACTICALLY AN INVALID!
HE SAYS HE'S GOING TO TRY A COMEBACK.
HE'S CRAZY. HE'LL NEVER COME BACK. AND BESIDES, HE'LL KILL HIMSELF.
YOU'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO HIM FOR TRYING.
AND HE LOOKS GOOD TOO.

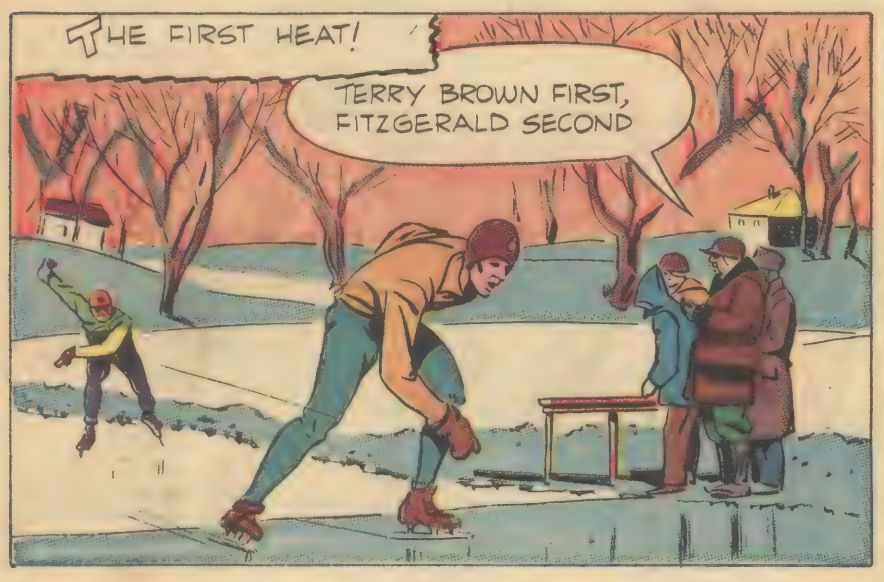


FITZGERALD WON MORE THAN HALF OF THE NATIONAL MEETS IN 1945 AND 1946 AND HE SET TWO MORE WORLD RECORDS!

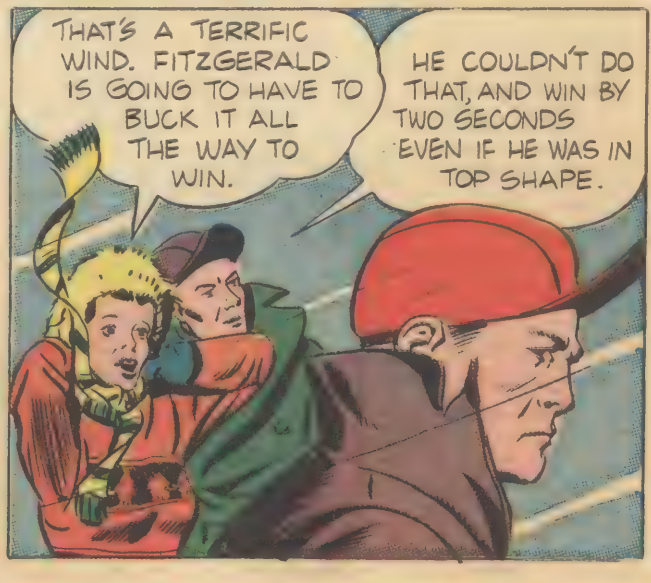


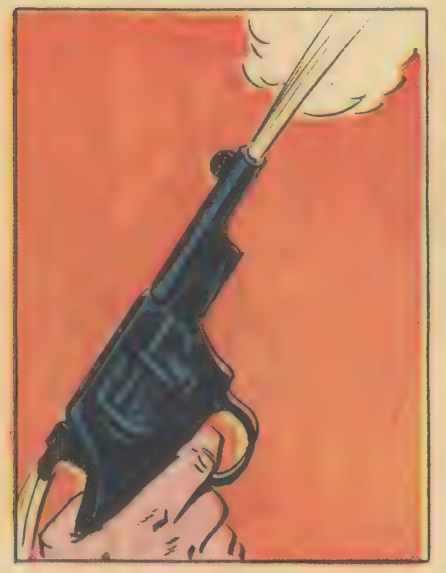




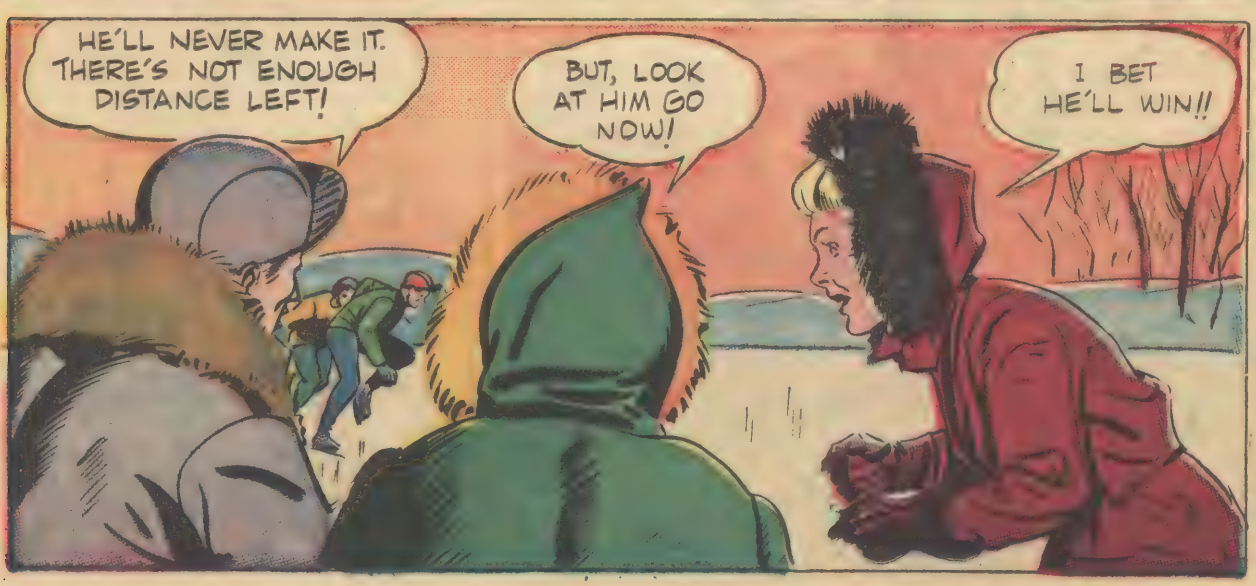


FITZGERALD WON THE SECOND HEAT, BUT BROWN WAS SO CLOSE THAT HIS AVERAGE TIME WAS STILL THE BEST BY NEARLY TWO SECONDS.





FITZGERALD GETS OFF TO A FAST START.


HE'LL NEVER MAKE IT. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH DISTANCE LEFT!
BUT, LOOK AT HIM GO NOW!
I BET HE'LL WIN!!

THE UNITED STATES SPEED SKATING TEAM WILL COMPETE IN THE OLYMPICS AT ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND, THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY. FROM THERE THE TEAM GOES TO OSLO, NORWAY FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Watch BOB FITZGERALD!

WOPSY and the LEOPARD MEN

FROM THE BOOK WOPSY AGAIN BY FATHER SCRIVEN

WOPSY IS A GUARDIAN ANGEL— BUT JUST A LITTLE ONE. HE WATCHES OVER A BOY NAMED JOHN WHO IS THE ONLY BAPTIZED PERSON IN HIS WHOLE VILLAGE, DEEP IN THE HEART OF AFRICA.

FEBRUARY BOOK

MARUCI, I AM AFRAID THE GODS WILL BE ANGRY WITH US BECAUSE I LET THE PRIESTS BAPTIZE MY SON JOHN.

I HAVE A PLAN, BUGOMI— JUST LISTEN.

THAT NIGHT—

MARUCI WAS RIGHT. ONCE JOHN IS IN THE LEOPARD SOCIETY, HE WILL BE A PAGAN AGAIN.

WHOO-WHOOO

THERE IS THE SIGNAL! THE LEOPARD SOCIETY IS GETTING READY FOR THE MEETING.

WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

YOU WILL BELONG TO ALL THE GODS AGAIN BEFORE MORNING.

SO HE'S TAKING JOHN TO THE FOREST. I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT.
I'D BETTER FOLLOW BUGOMI.
BUT SOON..
NOW, WHICH WAY COULD HE HAVE GONE.
WE ARE THE MEN OF THE LEOPARD SOCIETY—
THE LEOPARD SOCIETY WAS MEETING TO INITIATE ITS NEWEST MEMBER.
HO! ZIA! OH!
HO ZIA OH!!
MEANWHILE—
COME ON, I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO!
HO ZIA OH!

WHY DON'T THEY GO AFTER THOSE MEN? THEY MUST BE AFRAID OF THE FIRE.
NOW, LIONS!
SO JOHN WAS SAVED FROM THE LEOPARD MEN.
NOW I KNOW WHAT YOU WERE UP TO, 'BUGOMI!
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
IF PEOPLE ONLY KNEW HOW HARD WE GUARDIAN ANGELS HAVE TO WORK SOMETIMES.

READER'S QUIZ

Why not test your reading skill by answering the questions below? You will find it easy to locate the answers in the stories told in this month's TOPIX. If your teacher does not assign these quizzes as part of your regular classwork, you may want to test your ability for your own satisfaction. When you have finished all the questions, your teacher can give you your score. Count one point for each correct answer. Here's how you stand, according to the number of your points:

41—45 points Excellent
36—40 points Superior
29—35 points Average
Below 29 points Below average

Exercise 1

While you were reading the story, THE ACE OF BLADES, did you think very often about Bob Fitzgerald's character? While the story does not tell you every character trait of Fitzgerald, it does bring out some very important ones. Everyone has certain traits or qualities which, added together, tell what kind of person he is, what kind of character he has. When you recognize these traits, you are analyzing that person's character. In the following exercise you are going to have the fun of analyzing Bob Fitzgerald's character.

1. One of Fitzgerald's character traits is shown when he was told he would never skate again (p. 9). What character trait did he display on this occasion?_____

2. Look over page 10 until you find the picture where Fitzgerald is skating again and saying, "I can do it." What good quality does he show here?_____

3. What character trait of Fitzgerald is brought out on page 11?_____

4. As you look over the whole story, what other trait would you say is outstanding in Bob Fitzgerald?_____

Exercise 2

Read the story of WOPSY AND THE LEOPARD MEN to find the answers to these true-false questions. Circle the letter which tells whether the statement is true or false.

T F 1. Although he had allowed the priests to baptize his little son, Bugomi was still a pagan in his beliefs.

T F 2. The Leopard Society was Christian.

T F 3. Bugomi made plans to take little John to the meeting of the Lions' Society.

T F 4. Wopsy, the angel, allowed the missionary priest to realize that John was in danger.

T F 5. Little John enjoyed the meeting of the Leopard Society very much.

T F 6. At the meeting one of the men danced in a leopard costume.

T F 7. Wopsy gave the lion and the panther the idea of frightening the members of the Society.

T F 8. The animal friends of Wopsy were afraid to go near the Leopards' meeting until the angel blew out the fire.

T F 9. Wopsy's friends of the animal kingdom were too late to save little John.

T F 10. Wopsy proved to be a wonderful guardian angel for John.

Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences about Father Ralph Gallagher, S. J., whose story is told in FROM SING SING TO ALCATRAZ.

1. Father Gallagher's confidence in Izzy helped the boy become a convert and a _____ _____

2. Father Gallagher's _____ and _____ often changed a man's attitude.

3. One of the criminals whom Father Gallagher converted decided to offer his _____ in reparation for his sins.

4. Father Gallagher asked each of 1000 youths to write down the story of _____ _____ _____ _____ _____.

5. In working with the criminal, Father Gallagher's idea is always to bring the criminal _____ _____.

Exercise 4

Skim through the story of ABRAHAM, Part I, and find the facts asked for below. Write your answer in the blank space under each question.

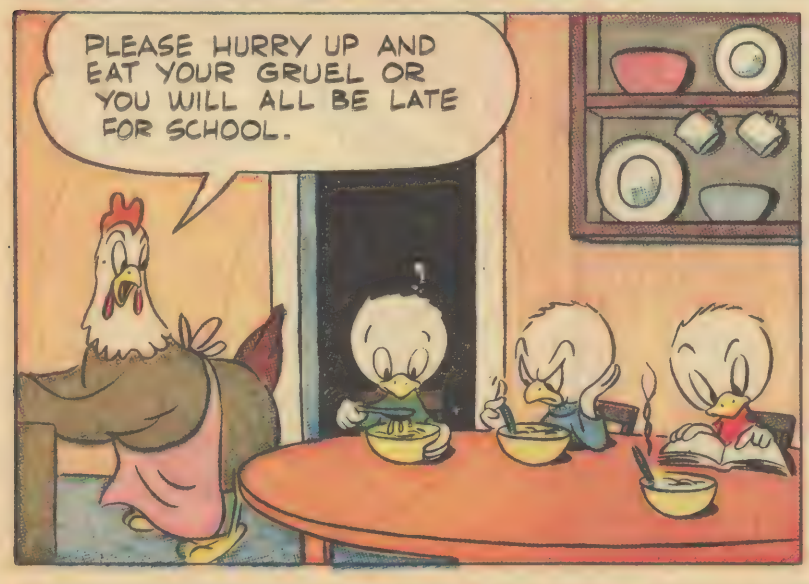
1. When did Abraham live?

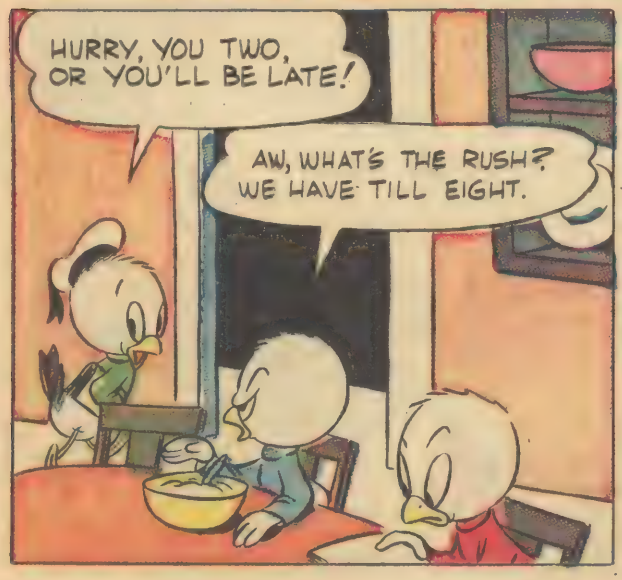
2. What did God pick him to do?

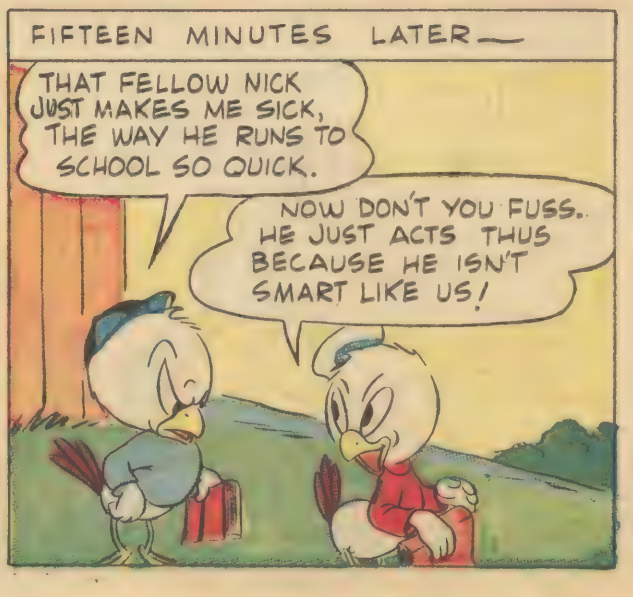
3. What did God first command Abraham to do?

PROCRASTINATION and THE THREE CHICKS

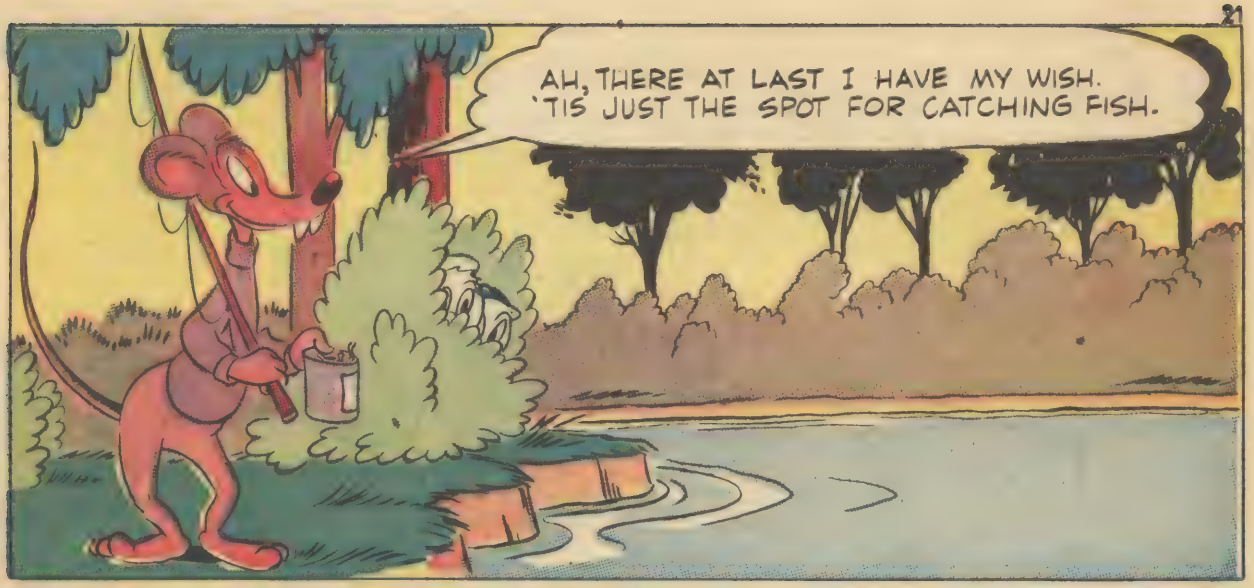
PROCRASTINATION MEANS DELAY AND TROUBLE WAITS FOR CHICKS THAT WAY.



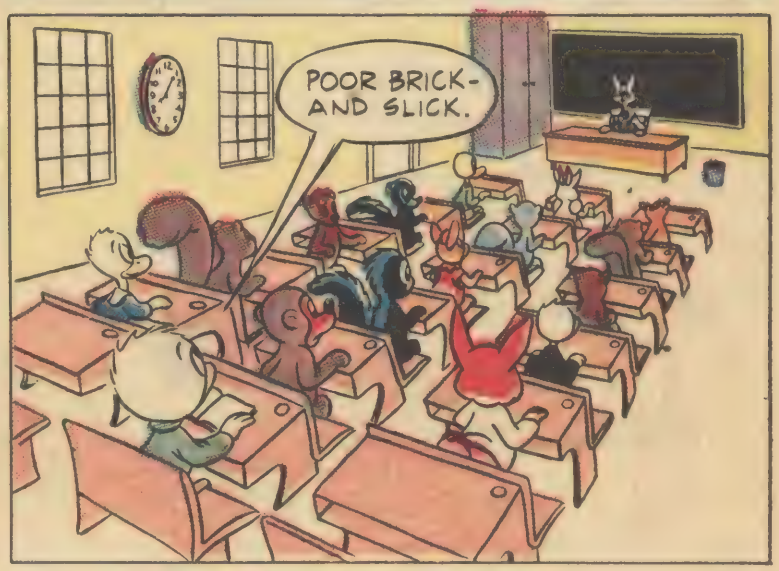


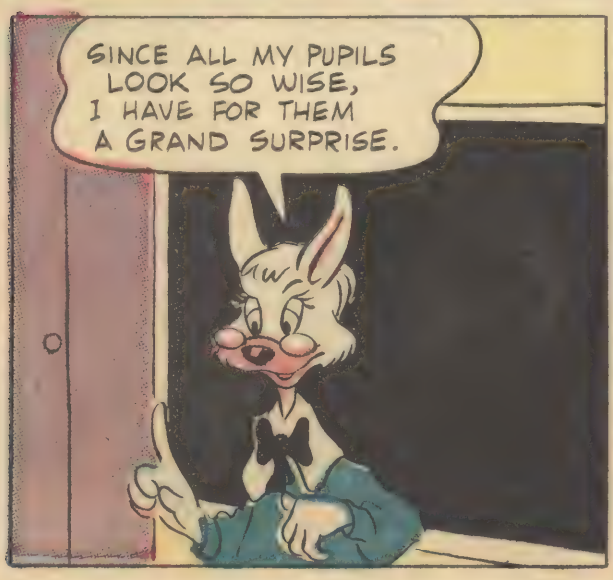


IT'S ALMOST EIGHT— YOU KNOW THE RULE: IF YOU ARE LATE, STAY AFTER SCHOOL!
NOW, DON'T YOU WORRY, DON'T YOU FRET. WE'VE GOT AT LEAST TEN MINUTES YET.
WE'LL TAKE A SHORT CUT THROUGH THE WOOD. I KNOW A PATH THAT'S VERY GOOD.
OH, SLICK! LOOK QUICK!
DON'T MAKE A SOUND! DON'T MOVE A LIMB OR WE WILL MAKE A MEAL FOR HIM.


AH, THERE AT LAST I HAVE MY WISH.
'TIS JUST THE SPOT FOR CATCHING FISH.

I'LL SIT RIGHT HERE —
I'VE GOT TILL NOON,
BUT STILL I HOPE
THE FISH BITE SOON.


POOR BRICK-
AND SLICK.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LOOK SO WISE,
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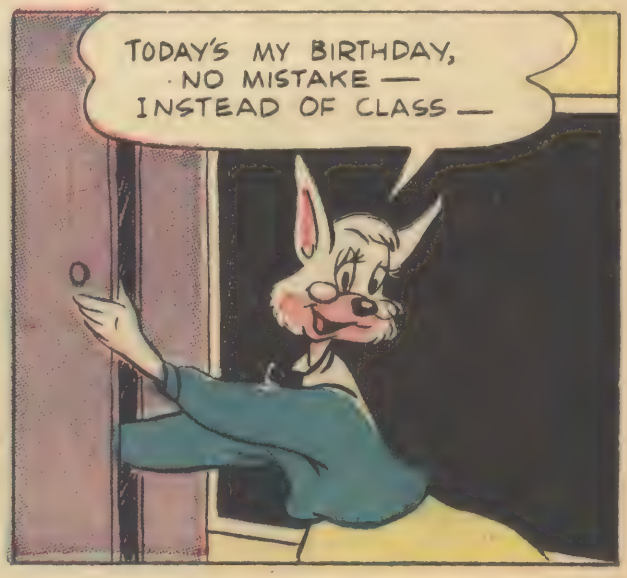
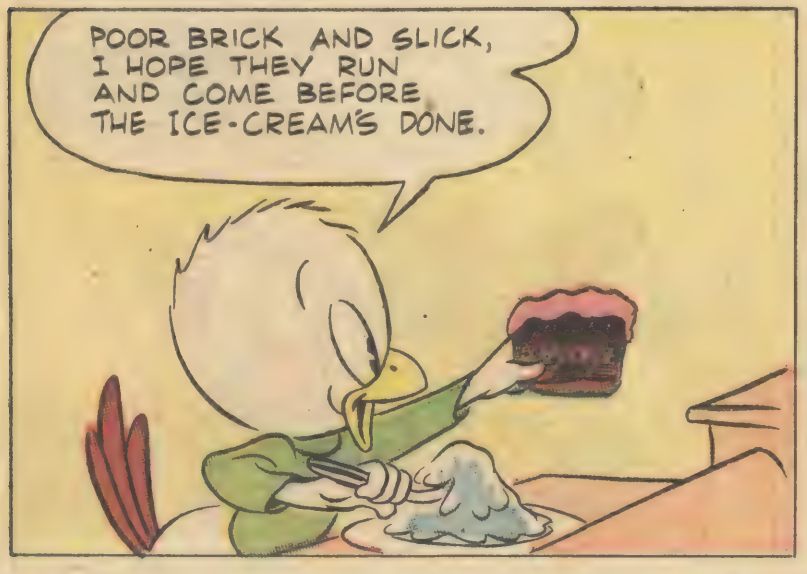
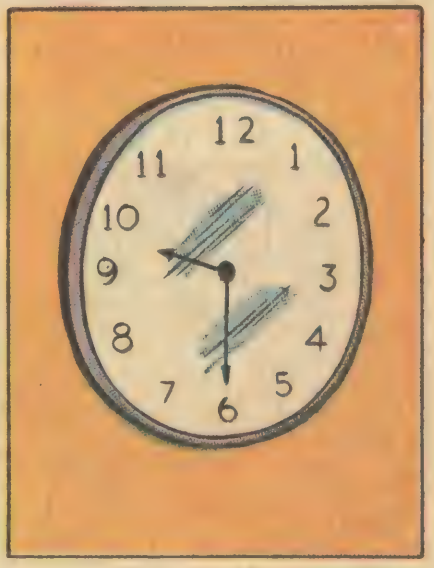

TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY,
NO MISTAKE —
INSTEAD OF CLASS —

ICE CREAM AND CAKE!


POOR BRICK AND SLICK, I HOPE THEY RUN AND COME BEFORE THE ICE-CREAM'S DONE.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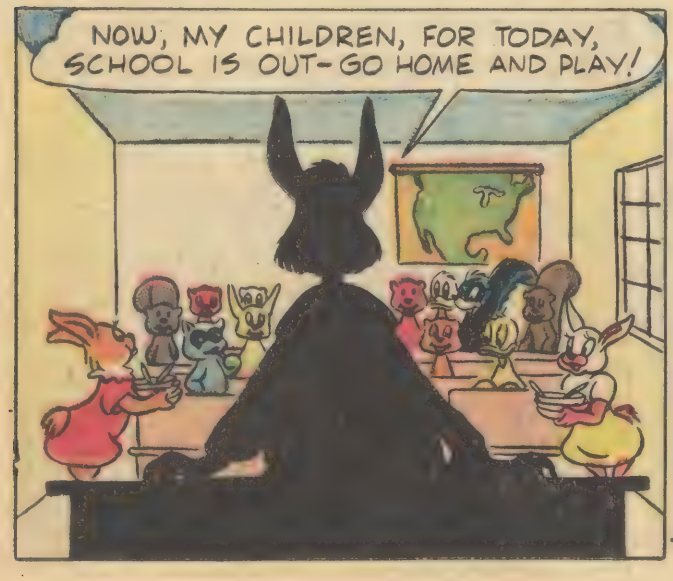
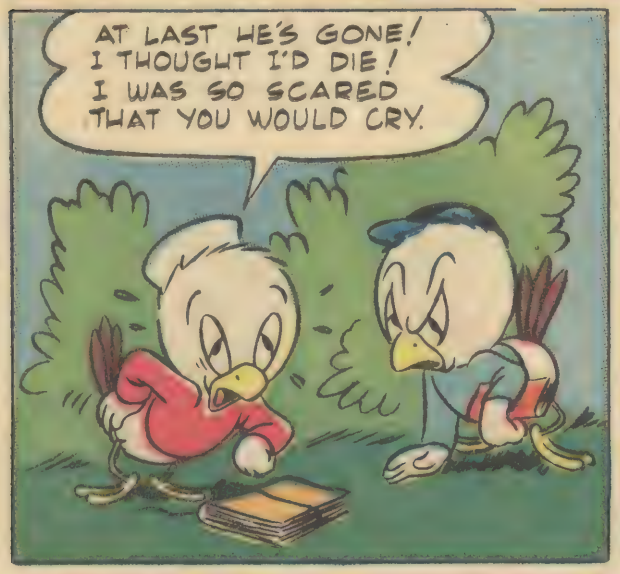
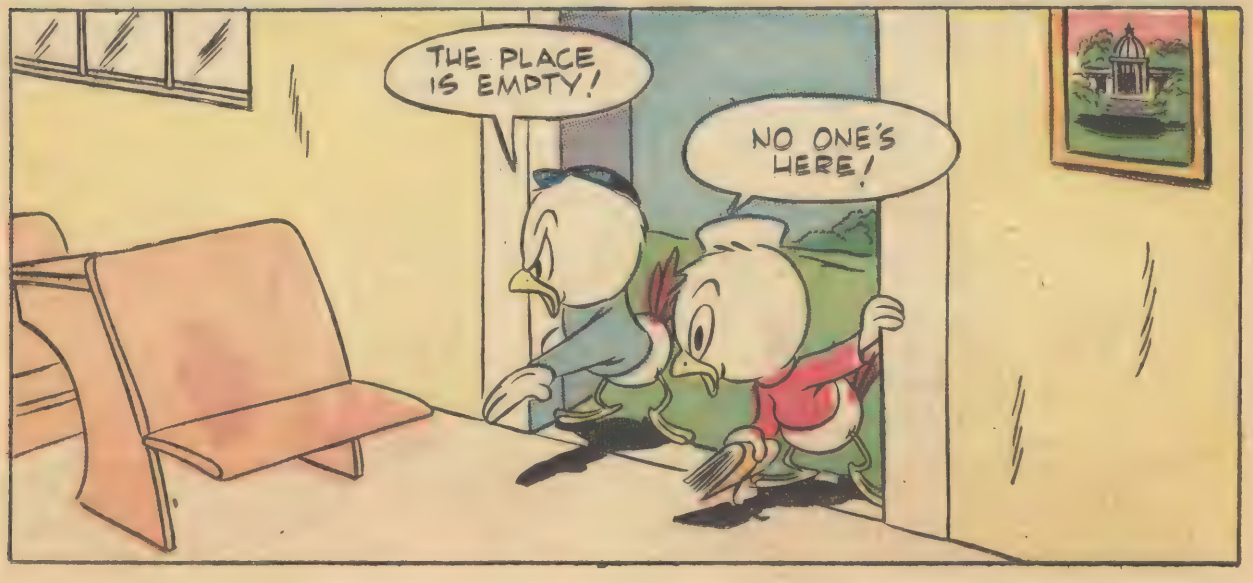

NOW, MY CHILDREN, FOR TODAY, SCHOOL IS OUT-GO HOME AND PLAY!

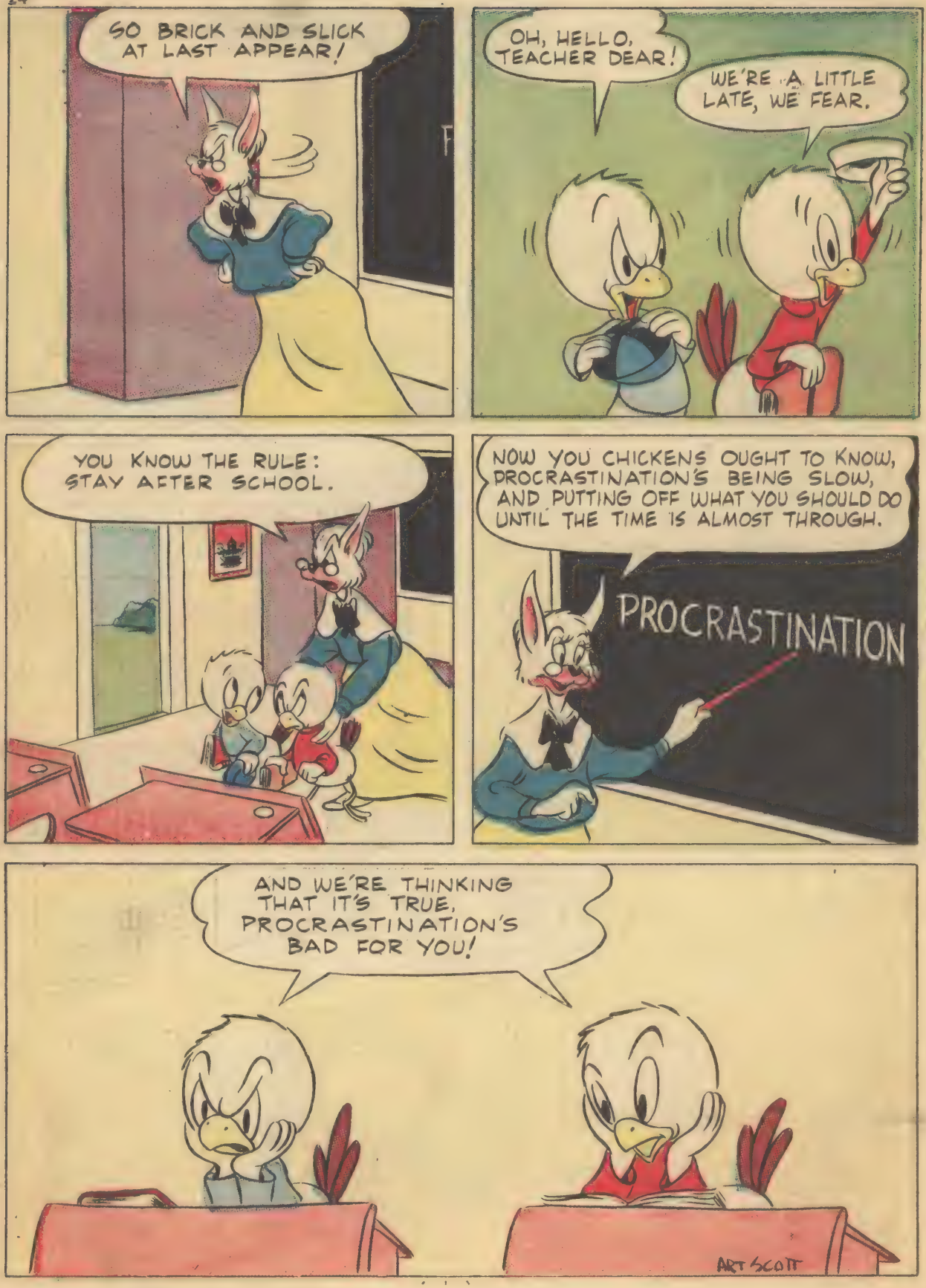
THIS ISN'T FAIR, THIS ISN'T RIGHT- TWO HOURS NOW, AND NOT A BITE!

BAD LUCK, IT SEEMS, MUST BE MY LOT. I THINK I'LL TRY ANOTHER SPOT.


AT LAST HE'S GONE! I THOUGHT I'D DIE! I WAS SO SCARED THAT YOU WOULD CRY.

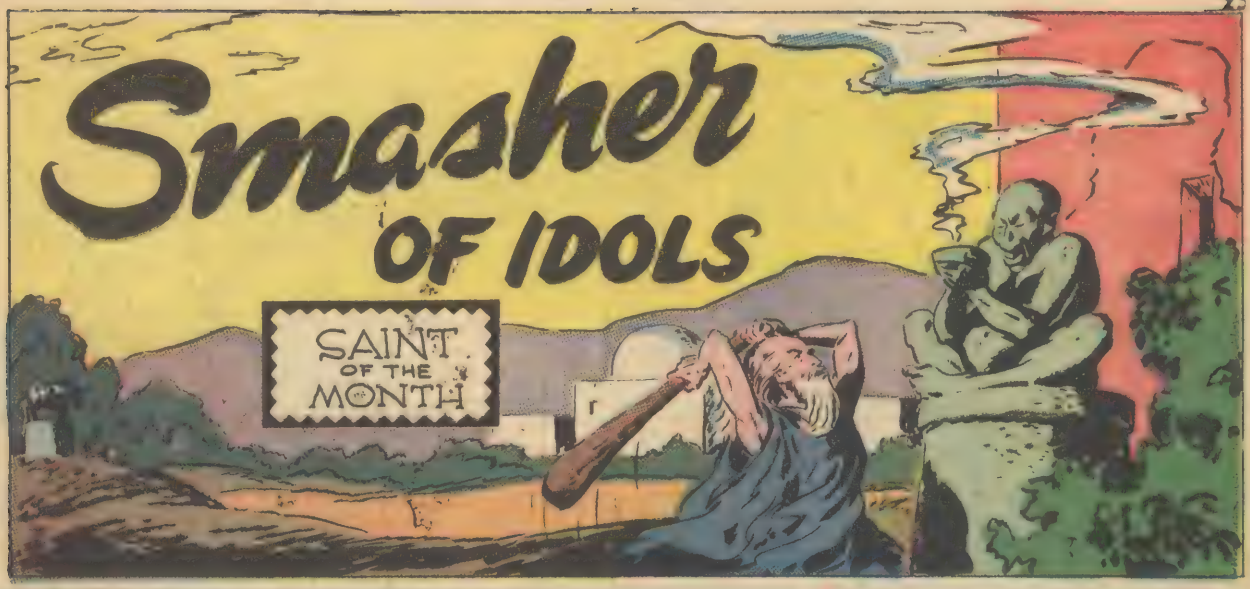
OH MY, HOW LATE WE ARE FOR SCHOOL!
WE'D BETTER RUN- YOU KNOW THE RULE.

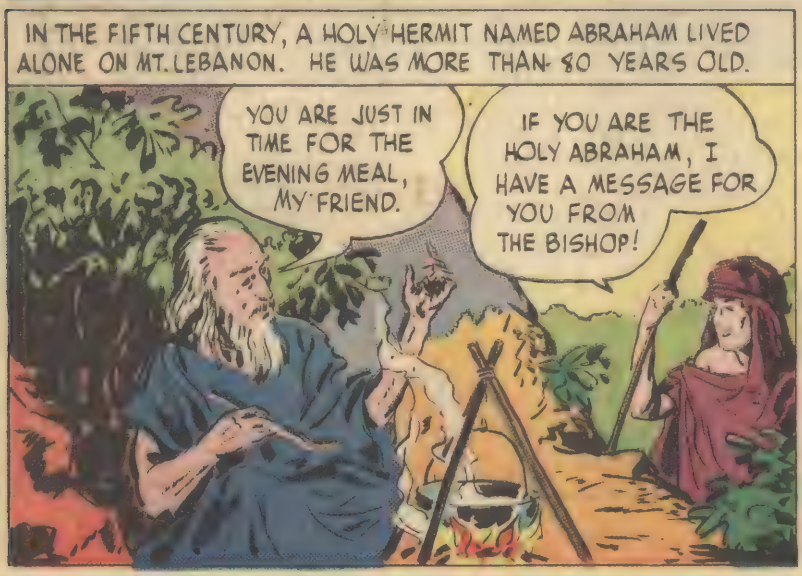

THE PLACE IS EMPTY!
NO ONE'S HERE!

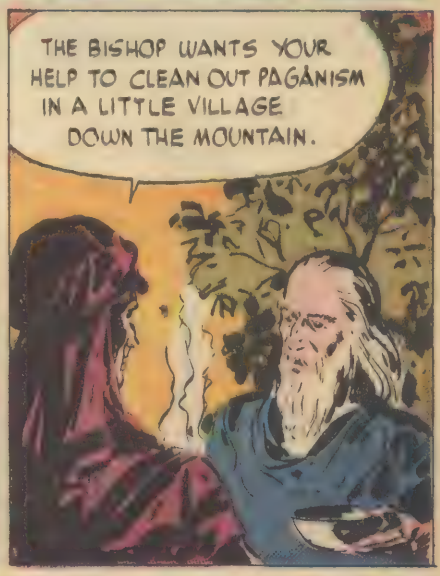

SO BRICK AND SLICK AT LAST APPEAR!
OH, HELLO, TEACHER DEAR!
WE'RE A LITTLE LATE, WE FEAR.
YOU KNOW THE RULE: STAY AFTER SCHOOL.
NOW YOU CHICKENS OUGHT TO KNOW, PROCRASTINATION'S BEING SLOW, AND PUTTING OFF WHAT YOU SHOULD DO UNTIL THE TIME IS ALMOST THROUGH.
PROCRASTINATION
AND WE'RE THINKING THAT IT'S TRUE, PROCRASTINATION'S BAD FOR YOU!
ART SCOTT

Smasher OF IDOLS

SAINT OF THE MONTH



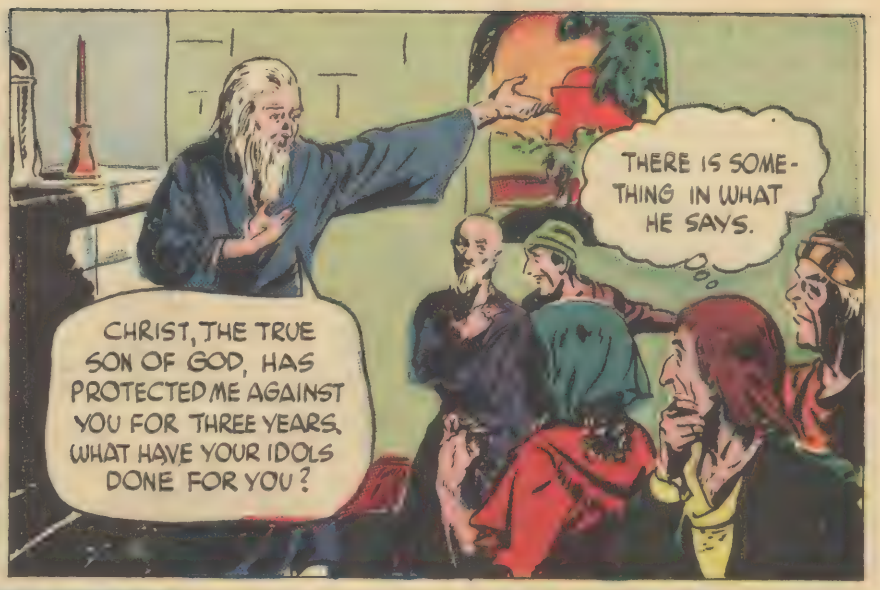


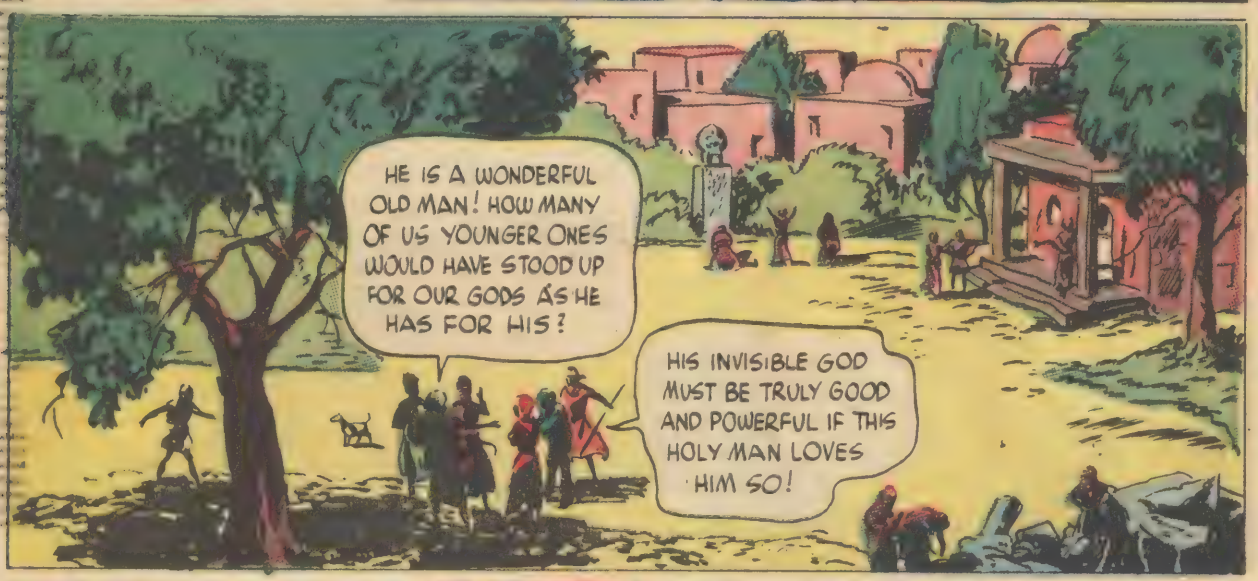


THIS IS THE WORST CENTER OF PAGANISM IN MY DIOCESE, ABRAHAM. I LEAVE YOU IN COMPLETE CHARGE.
FIRST — I MUST BUILD A CHURCH.
WITH HIS OWN HANDS, THE HERMIT-PRIEST BUILT THE FIRST CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE.
WHAT IS THIS BUILDING?
IT IS A CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.
COME INSIDE, AND I WILL SHOW YOU THE CHURCH, AND TELL YOU ABOUT OUR LORD.
WHO IS HE?
WHERE IS THE IDOL? WE WANT TO SEE YOUR GOD!
ONLY A FEW HOLY MEN HAVE SEEN JESUS SINCE CALVARY. HE TELLS US THAT HE WHO HAS NOT SEEN HIM, YET BELIEVES, IS MOST BLESSED.
HA! HE BELIEVES IN A GOD HE HAS NEVER SEEN!
WE CAN SEE AND TOUCH OUR IDOL, AND HE IS BEAUTIFUL. I PREFER HIM TO YOUR INVISIBLE GOD.

SEEING HE COULD NOT MOVE THE VILLAGERS, THE OLD PRIEST DECIDED TO DESTROY THE IDOLS.
KILL THE OLD MAN! BEAT HIM TO DEATH!
THROW HIM OUTSIDE THE CITY GATES, AND LEAVE HIM TO DIE!
THERE! WE'RE WELL RID OF THAT OLD FOOL AND HIS INVISIBLE GOD!
BUT EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...
MY GOD HAS PROTECTED ME. HE WOULD NOT LET ME DIE! BUT WHERE IS YOUR GOD? LOOK AT HIM SMASHED AT YOUR FEET!
COME! WE WILL MAKE SURE OF KILLING HIM THIS TIME!
HE WILL NEVER BOTHER US AGAIN!

BUT THE VILLAGERS WERE WRONG. ABRAHAM WAS BACK AGAIN THE NEXT MORNING SMASHING MORE IDOLS. THIS WENT ON FOR THREE YEARS UNTIL EVEN THE PAGAN VILLAGERS BEGAN TO ADMIRE THE COURAGEOUS MAN OF GOD.





TAKE THIS LETTER TO OUR BISHOP AND TELL HIM IT IS OUR GREAT CHANCE TO SAVE THESE POOR SOULS FOR CHRIST!
I KNOW THE BISHOP WILL BE ABLE TO RAISE THE MONEY!
A WEEK LATER...
WELL, WELL, MY GOOD PEOPLE, SINCE YOU CANNOT PAY, OFF TO PRISON YOU GO!
COULD THE HOLY MAN'S GOD HAVE FAILED US?
THEN SUDDENLY!
STOP! STOP! HERE IS THE MONEY TO PAY THE TAXES.
OH, THANK THE INVISIBLE GOD!
WE ARE SAVED FROM PRISON!
PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.
WITH THE WHOLE VILLAGE CONVERTED, ABRAHAM WAS MADE A BISHOP IN MESOPOTAMIA... THE CHURCH CELEBRATES ST. ABRAHAM'S DAY ON FEBRUARY 14th

4 What land did God give to Abraham for himself and his children?

_____

5. Where did Lot go to live?

_____

6. Who came to help Lot when he was taken prisoner by the enemy?

_____

7 The bread and wine offered by Melchisedech in thanksgiving for the rescue was a symbol of what?

_____

8 How numerous did God say Abraham's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, etc., would be?

_____

9. What did God tell Abraham He would do with the wicked city of Sodom?

_____

10. Why was Lot's wife punished in the destruction of Sodom?

_____

_____

Exercise 5

The following sentences will test your understanding of THAT ALL MAY READ: The Story of Printing. Circle the letter (a. b. or c) that comes before the right answer.

1. Before printing was invented, books
   a) cost less than they do now
   b) cost so much that few people could own one
   c) were usually made by the family, at home

2. Gutenberg began by
   a) trying to carve each page of type in a single block of wood
   b) carving separate letters that could be used again and again
   c) carving a mold for each letter and pouring lead into the mold

3. Gutenberg's name is famous because he invented
   a) printing with type carved from a single block of wood
   b) printing with movable type
   c) a faster method of handwriting for monks who copied manuscripts

4. Gutenberg's wife Anna is said to have given him the idea of
   a) carving molds in the shape of letters and pouring hot metal into them
   b) asking Johann Fust to be his partner
   c) turning to the manufacture of spoons

5. Gutenberg tried casting his type in various metals such as iron and lead. He finally succeeded in making good type by using a combination of
   a) lead, iron, and tin
   b) tin, steel, and lead
   c) lead, tin, and antimony

6. The first printing press was really a
   a) dining table
   b) a hand roller
   c) a wine press

7. Gutenberg made a partner of
   a) Johannes Fustian
   b) Johann Fust
   c) a scribe whose name is today unknown

8. The first Bible was printed
   a) a few days after the invention of printing
   b) after several months of hard work
   c) after many years of hard work

9. For one of the first printed Bibles the King of France paid the sum of
   a) $8
   b) $800
   c) $8000

10. Because people could not understand how there could be two books exactly alike, some thought that
   a) the first printed book was the work of the devil
   b) Gutenberg had stolen identical manuscripts and resold them.
   c) the first printed books were the work of a miracle-worker and saint

Exercise

Each of the following sentences describes a character in one of the stories in this month's TOPIX. You are asked to identify that character, that is, to tell who it is. Use the blank space following each sentence to fill in the name of the character who is described. The answer to the first question is given to help you get started.

1. A monk who showed perfect trust in God in time of trouble. Answer: Gudwall

2. A prison chaplain whose kindness and real interest in people has helped bring criminals back to Christ.
   Answer: _____

3. A jewel polisher whose invention has made it possible for many people, rather than just a few, to own books.
   Answer: _____

4. A guardian angel who watched over a little boy in a pagan village. Answer: _____

5. A holy hermit who proved to a pagan village that their gods were false. Answer: _____

6. A young soldier who refused to let a handicap get the best of him. Answer: _____

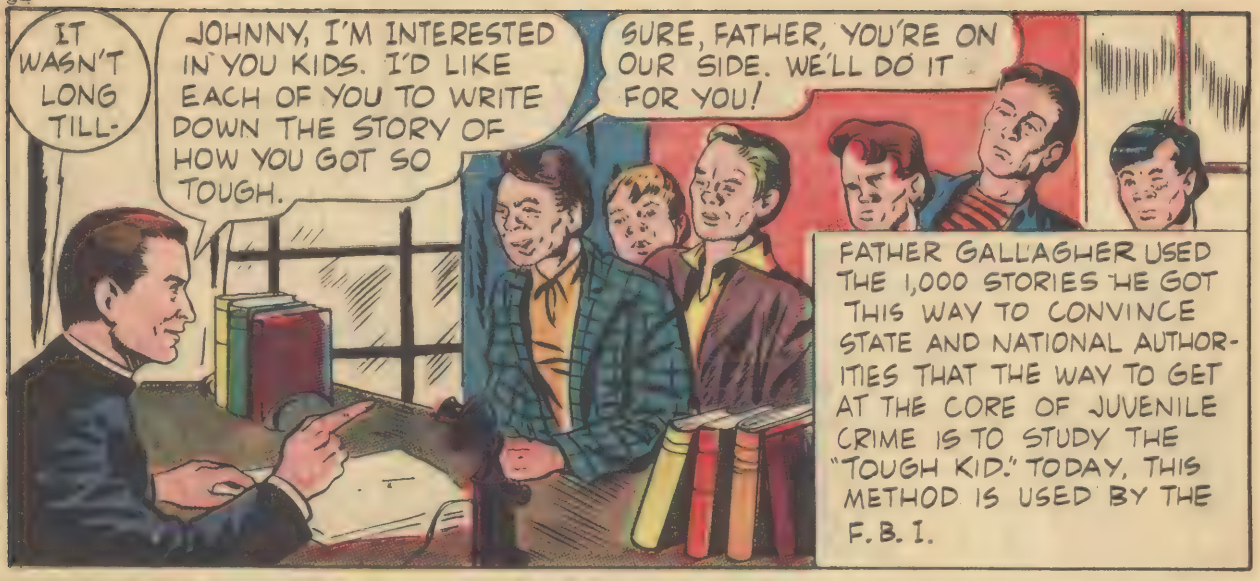
from Sing Sing to ALCATRAZ

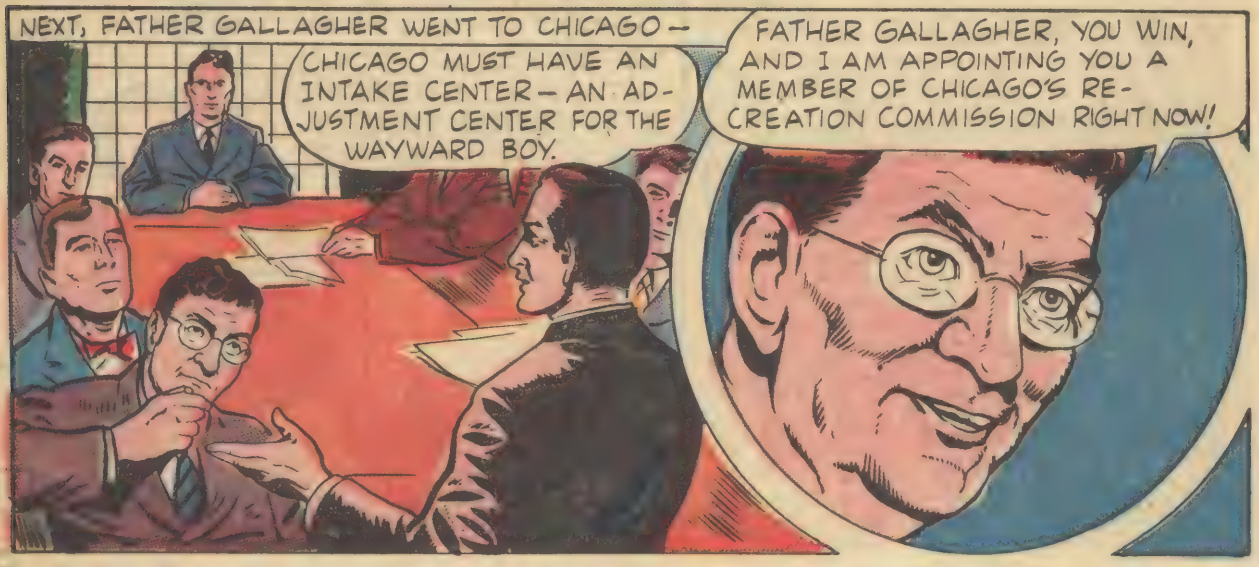
BY SISTER LILLIANA OWENS, S.L.

THIS TIME IT'S SERIOUS, FATHER — BURGLARY. TALKING TO HIM DOESN'T HELP.
GIVE ME A TRY AT HIM.
IZZY, THEY SAY YOU'RE TOO TOUGH TO MAKE GOOD. I DON'T THINK SO. I'M BETTING ON YOU, AND I'M WILLING TO HELP YOU.
IZZY BECAME A CONVERT. AND A GOOD CITIZEN.
FRIEND OF CHILDREN—
FATHAH, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA GIVE YOU FOAH CHRISTMAS?
NO. WHAT?
I'M GONNA LET YOU LICK THIS ALL-DAY SUCKER AS MUCH AS YOU WANT TO!!
BUT FATHER GALLAGHER'S KINDNESS AND REAL INTEREST OFTEN CHANGED A MAN'S MIND, AND HE WOULD COME TO FATHER TO MAKE HIS LAST CONFESSION.
HARD-BOILED CRIMINALS OFTEN TRIED TO COLD-SHOULDER HIM.
I GOT NO TIME FOR A PRIEST.

I'M NOT AFRAID NOW. I'LL OFFER MY DEATH TO GOD IN REPARATION.
FATHER, DID CHRIST WEAR SHOES WHEN HE DIED?
NO, HE DIDN'T.
THEN TAKE MINE OFF, TOO.
... AND FATHER, I WANT YOU TO BECOME AN EXPERT IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. I AM SENDING YOU TO NEW YORK TO GET YOUR FACTS FIRST-HAND.

SAN QUENTIN
ALCATRAZ
STILLWATER
JOLIET
PONTIAC
LANCASTER
SING SING
LEAVENWORTH
ST. CHARLES
JEFFERSON CITY
FATHER GALLAGHER WAS A PRISON CHAPLAIN IN EVERY ONE OF THESE PLACES, BUT HIS GREATEST WORK WAS DONE FOR YOUTH.

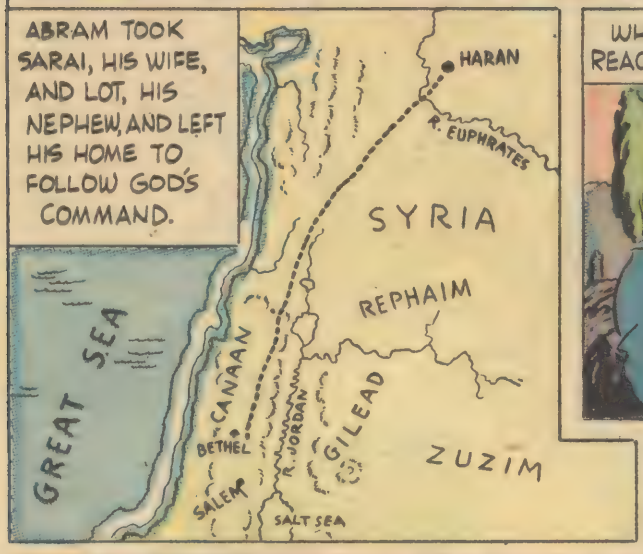

IT WASN'T LONG TILL-
JOHNNY, I'M INTERESTED IN YOU KIDS. I'D LIKE EACH OF YOU TO WRITE DOWN THE STORY OF HOW YOU GOT SO TOUGH.
SURE, FATHER, YOU'RE ON OUR SIDE. WE'LL DO IT FOR YOU!
FATHER GALLAGHER USED THE 1,000 STORIES HE GOT THIS WAY TO CONVINCE STATE AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES THAT THE WAY TO GET AT THE CORE OF JUVENILE CRIME IS TO STUDY THE "TOUGH KID." TODAY, THIS METHOD IS USED BY THE F.B.I.

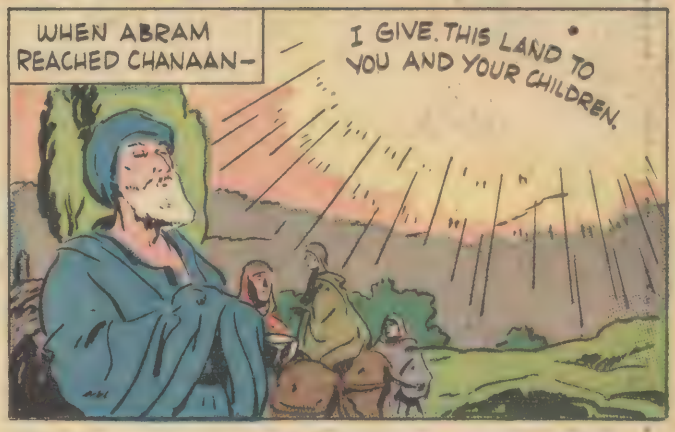

NEXT, FATHER GALLAGHER WENT TO CHICAGO—
CHICAGO MUST HAVE AN INTAKE CENTER—AN ADJUSTMENT CENTER FOR THE WAYWARD BOY.
FATHER GALLAGHER, YOU WIN, AND I AM APPOINTING YOU A MEMBER OF CHICAGO'S RECREATION COMMISSION RIGHT NOW!

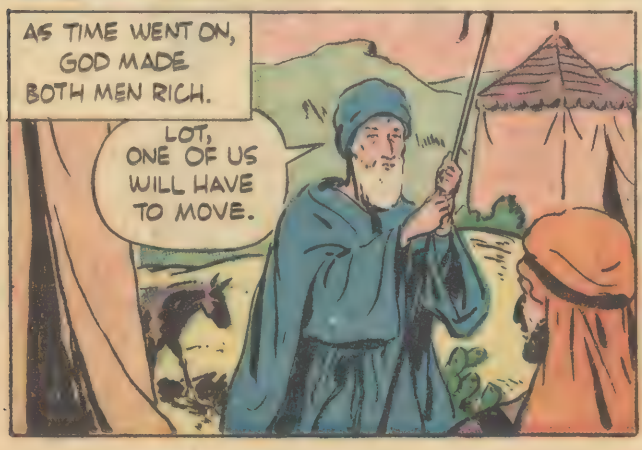
AFTER THE WAR, HE TACKLED THE VETERAN'S PROBLEM.
FATHER, SOMEBODY HAS TO HELP THE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES MAKE A DECENT LIVING!
YES, COLONEL. WE WILL HAVE TO BRING CHRIST BACK TO CHRISTIANITY. WE MUST START WITH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

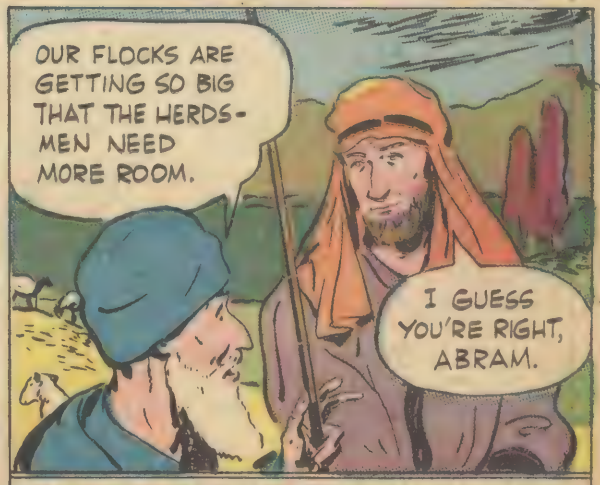
FATHER GALLAGHER'S WORK CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE HAS STARTED BOYS' CLUBS IN MANY CITIES, ALWAYS WORKING TO BRING THE CRIMINAL BACK TO CHRIST

Abraham Part I









SO LOT CHOSE THE FERTILE VALLEY NEAR SODOM, AND ABRAM STAYED IN HEBRON.

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS —
ABRAM, I WILL GIVE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ALL THE LAND YOU CAN SEE FROM HERE. I WILL GIVE YOU AS MANY CHILDREN AS THE DUST OF THE EARTH.
BUT THERE WAS A WAR GOING ON NEAR LOT'S HOME, AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS—
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE! THE ENEMY IS COMING!
BUT I HAVE NOT FOUGHT AGAINST YOU!
I DON'T CARE. YOU'RE COMING WITH US!
I'LL TELL ABRAM ABOUT THIS.

ABRAM, LOT IS IN TROUBLE!
ABRAM IMMEDIATELY ARMED HIS SERVANTS AND STARTED OUT IN PURSUIT.
THAT NIGHT–
THE PRISONERS ARE IN THE CENTER AND THE ARMY IS SPREAD OUT AROUND THEM.
GOOD! WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO PARTIES AND ATTACK THEM WHILE THEY SLEEP.
LOOK !! A SURPRISE ATTACK!

THANK GOD, YOU'RE SAFE, LOT.
ABRAM, HERE COMES MELCHISEDECH, THE KING OF SALEM. HE WANTS TO OFFER A SACRIFICE OF THANKS WITH YOU.
I BELIEVE IN THE TRUE GOD ALSO, ABRAM. WILL YOU OFFER WITH ME THIS SACRIFICE OF BREAD AND WINE?
THE BREAD AND WINE OFFERED BY MELCHISEDECH ARE SYMBOLS OF THE BREAD AND WINE WHICH IS CHANGED INTO THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST IN THE MASS.
GOD WAS PLEASED WITH ABRAM AND ONCE AGAIN HE SPOKE TO THE HOLY MAN.
LORD, WON'T I EVER HAVE CHILDREN?
COUNT THE STARS IN THE SKY. YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE THAT NUMEROUS.
FROM NOW ON, YOU SHALL BE CALLED ABRAHAM, AND YOUR WIFE SHALL BE CALLED SARA, BECAUSE YOU SHALL BE THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS.

GOD SENT THREE ANGELS DRESSED AS MEN TO ABRAHAM.
YOU LOOK HOT AND TIRED. WON'T YOU STAY FOR DINNER?
AFTER DINNER —
YOU ARE A GOOD MAN, ABRAHAM. NEXT YEAR, SARA WILL BEAR YOU A SON.
HOW CAN I HAVE A SON? I AM AN OLD WOMAN.
NOTHING IS HARD FOR GOD. YOU WILL HAVE A SON.
HE KNEW WHAT I WAS THINKING!!
AND THAT IS THE ROAD TO SODOM.
THE ANGELS CONTINUED ON THEIR WAY TO SODOM, BUT ONCE AGAIN GOD SPOKE TO ABRAHAM.
ABRAHAM, I AM GOING TO DESTROY THAT WICKED CITY, SODOM.
BUT, LORD, ARE YOU GOING TO DESTROY THE GOOD PEOPLE ALONG WITH THE WICKED?

IF THERE ARE 50 GOOD MEN IN THE WHOLE CITY, I WILL SPARE IT FOR THEIR SAKE.
ABRAHAM CONTINUES TO PLEAD FOR THE CITY.
FINALLY—
BUT WHAT IF THERE ARE ONLY TEN
EVEN FOR TEN I WILL NOT DESTROY THE CITY.
MEANWHILE, THE ANGELS ARRIVED IN SODOM AND MET LOT.
WON'T YOU STAY AT MY HOME TONIGHT?
LOOK— STRANGERS VISITING LOT!
LET'S GET THEM TONIGHT.
THAT NIGHT

OPEN UP THERE! WE WANT TO SEE THE STRANGERS!
DON'T OPEN IT! THEY'RE UP TO NO GOOD!
KNOCK DOWN THAT DOOR! WE'LL SHOW LOT HE CAN'T KEEP US OUT.
MEN OF SODOM, DON'T COMMIT THIS CRIME. THESE MEN ARE MY GUESTS.
GIVE THEM TO US!
LET'S TAKE 'EM!
SUDDENLY, GOD BLINDED THE SODOMITE MOB.
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
I'M BLINDED! HELP!
COME OUT OF THE CITY WITH US. GOD IS GOING TO DESTROY SODOM AND ALL IT'S PEOPLE.

OUT OF THIS WHOLE, CITY, ONLY YOU WILL BE SAVED.
GO TO THE MOUN-TAINS OR YOU WILL ALSO BE KILLED AND REMEMBER— DON'T LOOK BACK!
FATHER, WHAT IS THAT NOISE?
DON'T LOOK BACK!!
BUT LOT'S WIFE WAS VERY CURIOUS.
FINALLY, SHE LOOKED BACK AT THE CITY AND WAS TURNED INTO A PILLAR OF SALT AS PUNISHMENT.
BUT LOT AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS WERE SAVED.

That All May Read

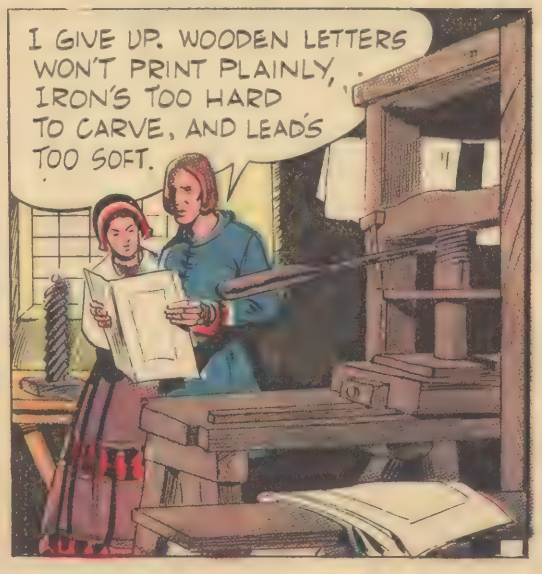
THE STORY OF PRINTING

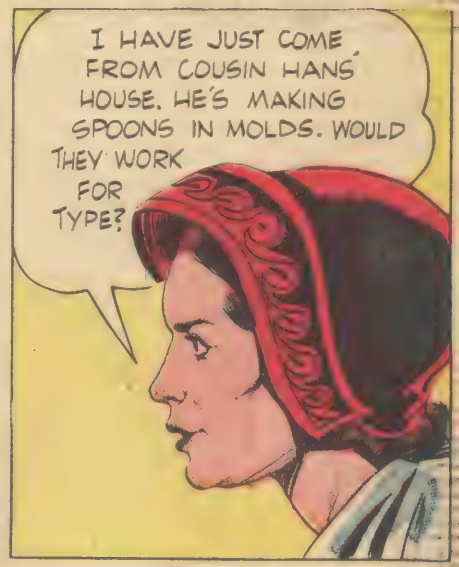
PRINTING WITH MOVABLE TYPE WAS INVENTED BY A YOUNG JEWEL POLISHER, JOHANN GUTENBERG, WHO LIVED IN MAINZ, GERMANY.

GUTENBERG FIRST TRIED TO CARVE A WHOLE PAGE OF TYPE ON ONE BLOCK OF WOOD—

OH——!
NOW SEE WHAT HAPPENED FOR TALKING TO YOU— THE KNIFE CUT THROUGH THE WHOLE BLOCK!
OH, JOHANN! ALMOST A MONTH'S WORK RUINED!
LOOK, MAMA! I DID THE PUZZLE!
I CUT THIS PICTURE INTO PIECES AND HE PUT THEM BACK TO-GETHER
A PICTURE RE-ASSEMBLED— THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
JOHANN, STOP IT! DON'T CUT IT ALL UP. MAYBE YOU CAN STILL USE WHAT'S LEFT!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.
I HAVE CUT THE LETTERS APART, BUT I THINK I CAN MAKE THEM PRINT OVER AND OVER AGAIN, JUST LIKE THE BLOCK WOULD HAVE DONE. WATCH!
NOW, ANNA, LET ME HAVE A PIECE OF STRING AND I'LL SHOW YOU.
HERE YOU ARE- I DON'T UNDER-STAND-- WILL YOU PRINT ONE LETTER AT A TIME?

BUT THERE WERE STILL DIFFICULTIES. *SOME-TIME LATER.....*





ANNA GAVE JOHANN AN IDEA AND HE STARTED TO EXPERIMENT AGAIN. HE CARVED MOLDS IN THE SHAPE OF THE LETTERS HE WANTED AND THEN POURED HOT METAL INTO THEM —

GUTENBERG CAST HIS TYPE IN VARIOUS METALS, FINALLY USING A COMBINATION OF LEAD, TIN, AND ANTIMONY WHICH IS STILL USED TODAY, *FIVE HUNDRED YEARS LATER!*

BUT THERE WAS MORE TO BE DONE—

BUT- HOW CAN YOU PRINT WITH A WINE PRESS?

IT'S SIMPLE. I'LL FIX A FLAT BOARD FOR PAPER UNDER THE BIG SCREW HERE—

THEN SET THE INKED TYPE ON A TABLE UNDER IT. THERE'S NOTHING TO IT!

DID YOU SELL ANY MORE COPIES OF YOUR PRINTED ALMANAC TODAY?

NOT YET, BUT I'M PRINTING UP A LETTER OF INDULGENCE FOR POPE NICHOLAS. WE'LL HAVE MONEY SOON. DON'T WORRY.

IT'S BETTER AND CHEAPER THAN A HAND-PRINTED COPY, AND YET I CAN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT.

I KNOW. IF THE SCRIBES FOUND OUT ABOUT YOUR MASS PRODUCTION THEY WOULD DESTROY YOUR PRESS.

GUTENBERG DREAMED OF ANOTHER PROJECT— *A PRINTED BIBLE!* HE FORMED A PARTNERSHIP WITH JOHANN FUST A WEALTHY MAN. *AND EIGHT YEARS LATER- IN 1456—*

FINISHED AT LAST! NOW WHERE CAN WE SELL OUR BIBLE? I CAN'T TRY HERE IN STRASBOURG—

I HAVE IT! I'LL SELL THE BOOKS IN PARIS! GET SOME OF OUR BEST COPIES.
AT THE COURT OF THE KING OF FRANCE.
SIX HUNDRED AND SEVEN PAGES YOUR MAJESTY, AND EVERYONE IN THE BEST TASTE.
THIS IS WORTH THE $800 YOU ASK. I'LL TAKE IT!
THERE YOU ARE, HERR FUST. THIS BIBLE IS TRULY A MASTERPIECE.
THANK YOU, YOUR EXCELLENCY, AND MAY YOU LONG ENJOY IT.
BUT TROUBLE LAY AHEAD. NO ONE HAD SEEN TWO BOOKS EXACTLY ALIKE.
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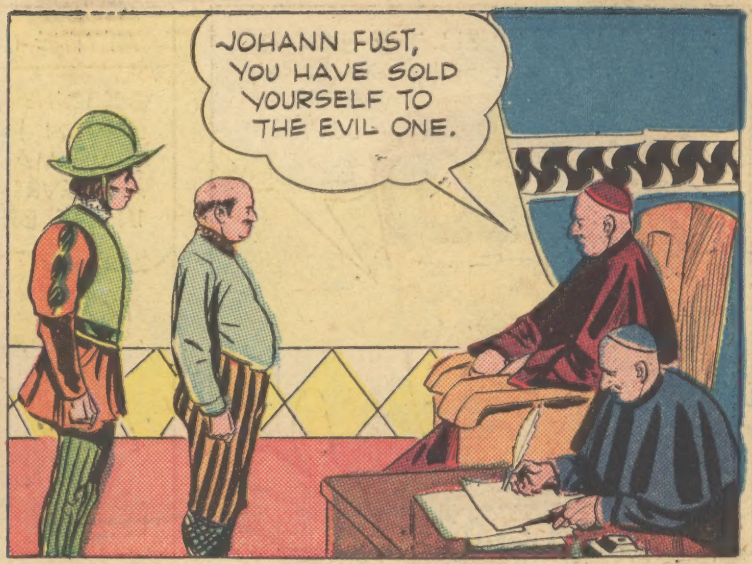

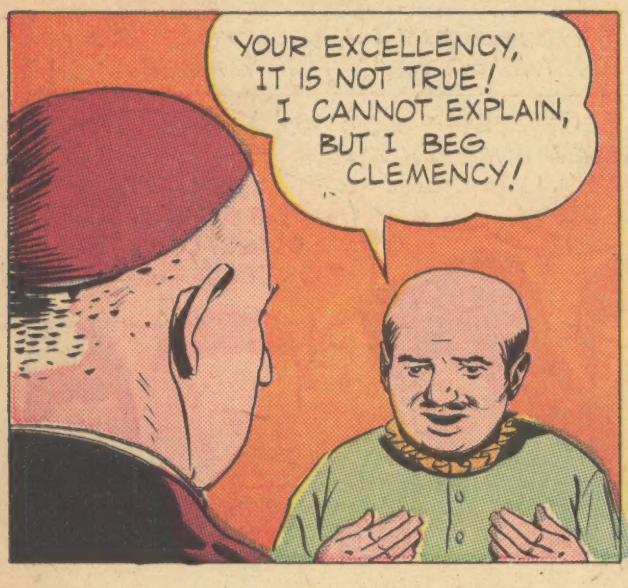

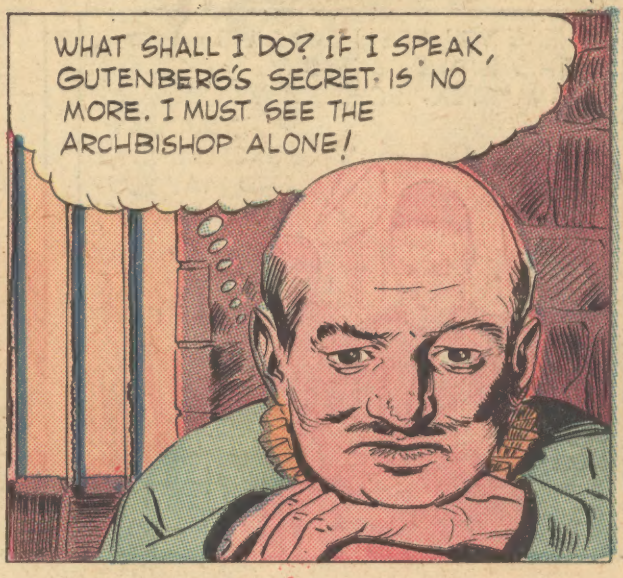

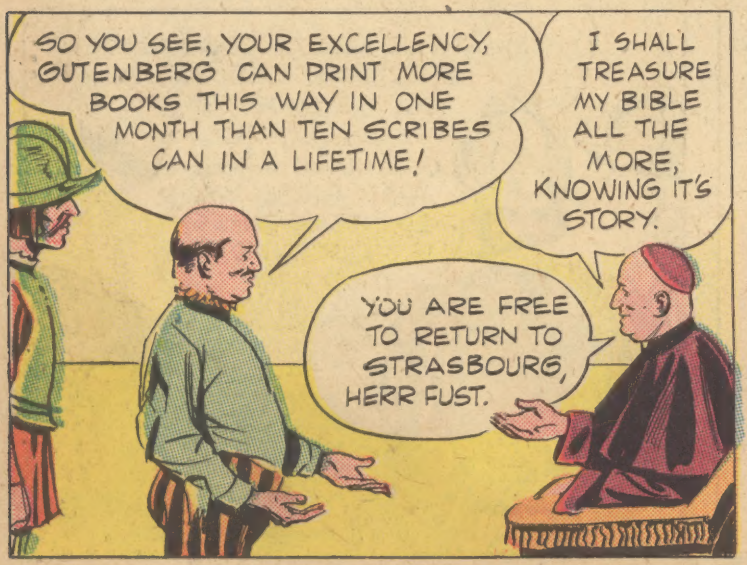

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